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## Farming to stay at the heart of 127th show

FARMING will remain at the heart of the Oswestry Show, its new chairman has pledged ahead of the 127th one-day event.

The new chairman, Malcolm Roberts, said there would be new attractions and features this year. But he said the basis of the popular event had to remain agricultural.

The show, being held this year on August 3, regularly attracts 20,000 people.

Visitors in 2013 will enjoy the improvements carried out over the past 18 months to the 37-acre showground.

Mr Roberts said: "Thanks to a grant obtained from Shropshire Council's Market Towns Revitalisation Programme, improvements have been made to roads and disabled car parks.

"A new roof has been put onto the show pavilion and there is a new grandstand."

The biggest change is the moving of the show office from Arthur Street in the town centre to the ground.

Mr Roberts took over the role of chairman in April. He paid tribute to the hard work of retiring chairman Philip Jones.

"He has left the show society in a tremendous position for the future," he said.

A former Shropshire NFU chairman, Mr Roberts said: "I hope to carry on the success, introducing new attractions and features but, most importantly, retaining the agricultural connections that is the basis of the popular one-day event."

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## Fairtrade bid wins backing

COUNCILLORS have thrown their backing behind plans to ensure Oswestry keeps its Fairtrade status.

Members of Oswestry Town Council have supported a bid by Oswestry and District Fairtrade Group to renew the town's Fairtrade status, which was first awarded in May 2006.

Towns with the status must re-apply to maintain it on a regular basis.

# TOWN WINS £118K FOR CYCLE ROUTES

WELSHPOOL is set to become one of the most cycle-friendly locations in Wales after securing £118,000 to create specialist cycle routes in and around the town.

The Welsh Government has confirmed that the cash has been awarded from its Safer Routes in Communities scheme following a proposal submitted by Powys County Council.

The town has become a magnet for cyclists and the recent weather has brought them out in their droves, but it has also highlighted safety issues on the local road network.

A consultation period will now take place, with Welshpool residents invited to have their input. The town council will also take a role in their development.

Councillor Barry Thomas, Cabinet Member responsible for highways, said: "We are delighted that we have been awarded £118,000 from the Welsh Government's Safer Routes in Communities scheme for our proposal in Welshpool."

by Graham Breeze

## Entrepreneurs board bus for business tips

YOUNG entrepreneurs will get top tips on setting up their own businesses when the StartUp Britain Tour Bus arrives in Oswestry today (Thursday).

The double-decker bus will be at the town's Bailey Head from 2pm to 5pm as part of a UK tour intended to motivate young people and encourage them to take a leap of faith to develop their ideas into a business.

During the afternoon Gemma Manning Bentley, who runs Gemmipopdesigns, Lindsay's Bakery, and Ivan Watkiss of Coopers Gourmet Sausage Rolls, will be on the bus in Oswestry.

The three business owners will be around to give advice and tips to anyone considering starting up their own business.

David Clough, Oswestry Town Council's markets and events manager, said the visit would be an opportunity for young people to get advice and guidance from experts. In Oswestry the plan is to run the monthly Start Up Club from the top deck giving everyone the chance to talk to young entrepreneurs at the clubs this year including photographers and bakers," he said.

The bus will also offer the chance to apply for a start-up loan and learn about funding for small businesses and government initiatives.

## Proactive

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said he was delighted that the Welsh Government had given the green light to the proposal.

"The Youth Council at the High School has helped with the early stages of this project. The works and proposals will be prepared and put on display. The Town Council is looking forward to working with Powys County Council on this project."

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies welcomed the news: "Welshpool has been particularly proactive in encouraging cycling, as highlighted by its presence on the Tour of Britain in the last few years," he said.

"It is a great way to improve fitness and allows cyclists to fully take in the beautiful Montgomeryshire landscape."

"The Welsh Government grant is an important step in not only encouraging more residents in and around Welshpool to become more active and saddle up, but will also serve to improve cyclist safety, which is of particular importance on rural highways such as Montgomeryshire's."

Welshpool has hosted several rounds of the recent Hafren Cycling Club Time Trial summer series and has reintroduced the Best The Train race as a cycling event from Llanfair to Raven Square.

## Tragic son remembered



Anthony Lawrence and Faye Merley, his girlfriend of two years.

THE heartbroken parents of a 21-year-old Oswestry man have paid tribute to their son, who died after getting into difficulties while swimming in a river last week.

Devastated couple Dave and Denise Lawrence spoke to *The Chronicle* following the death of their son Anthony.

Anthony died after swimming at an isolated location near the confluence of the River Dee and Ceiriog on Tuesday, July 16.

He was pulled from the water by emergency services after a search involving officers from West Mercia and North Wales Police and airlifted to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, but attempts to revive him were unsuccessful.

This week the couple spoke of their sadness that their son would not be able to follow his dream of travelling to Japan with his

girlfriend Faye Merley to explore the country's art and culture.

They described Anthony as "a young lad who was the very best of men."

Mr and Mrs Lawrence, of Lower Brook Street, Oswestry, said: "Anthony did not reinforce the perceived stereotypes of teenage years or early adult life."

"He was never in trouble, respectful of other people, happy to help and to do his fair share of chores and was committed as much to his family as he was to his friends."

"A gifted and talented artist with a passion for manga animation, he would spend many happy hours creating and then drawing brilliant new characters in vivid colour and extraordinary detail."

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## Council to reject cash from wind farm firm

COUNCILLORS in Welshpool were last night set to refuse any offer of money for community benefit from a wind farm developer.

West Coast Energy plans to build the 12-turbine Tirgwynt wind farm near Carno and is asking for groups to submit applications for community projects which need a funding boost.

It is set to donate £15,000 per year for as long as the wind turbines are running to local community councils, but Welshpool Town Council says it will reject any offer of funding. The council was due to meet to discuss a recommendation from its planning, development and environment committee to reject funding from wind farm developers due to its stance on the energy.

The report to the council said: "For the life of the working turbines £15,000 a year will be divided between seven councils. The reason for the distribution method is that it would remove disagreements between communities as to where the money would be spent."

"The committee recommends that the town council rejects any offer of community benefit from this wind farm on the basis that the council objects to all wind farm development."

The plans for the Tirgwynt wind farm were approved by Powys County Council in 2010.

## Man facing rape charge

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was due to appear in court yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) charged with the rape of a woman in Welshpool.

Mathew Alan James, of Llandinam, near Llanidloes was listed to appear at Brecon Magistrates Court yesterday following the alleged incident in Welshpool in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The incident is said to have happened in Bear Passage, off High Street between 2.55am and 3.10am on Sunday.

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# To T or not to T.. a burning question on village's name

by Iain St John

**TO T or not to T is the burning question in a village near Oswestry.**

A debate on whether the letter T should appear in the spelling of the village of Llansantffraid has raged on for more than a century.

The village had been spelled Llansantffraid since the mid-1800s, until the T was dropped by Powys County Council in 2008, claiming it was correcting a historical mistake.

Some locals insist their picturesque village is called Llansantffraid while others are equally adamant that it is called Llansantffraid.

Others have been left wondering whether the whole affair is something of a storm in a teacup.

Discussions have been taking place on whether a parish poll should be carried out to hear the public's view.

The vote plans have been put on hold for further discussions to take place on whether the T should be there or not.

Even various bodies connected to the village seem to have differing views.

Post bosses prefer no T but the bowls club favours using a T. The village football club was spelt with a T before it moved to Oswestry and became The New Saints.

Powys County Council argued that when it made the change to remove the T in 2008, it was correcting a mistake dating back to the mid-1800s, when a translation described Celtic Saint Brigit as a man rather than a woman.

Since then the debate has continued and according to locals, agreement still cannot be reached today.

Jason Stokes, who runs the Grove Interiors antiques, furniture and computer business in the village, said: "I don't remember even being asked when they changed it last time."

"I think they changed it for historical reasons but people do have different views."

"I have not really thought about what I would prefer, but I did change the way I spelt it to without a T when the council changed it a few years ago. I don't know if it makes a great difference - most people don't pronounce the T anyway."

Jan Lyndley, who runs the Jugs B&B business with her partner Colin Turner, said she wanted to see the debate resolved one way or the other.

She said: "We have been here for three



Colin Turner and Jan Lyndley, from Jugs B&amp;B. Pictures: Ian Sheppard



Jason Stokes, from Grove Interiors, fixes a computer.



To T or not to T? This sign says no.



Susan Martin.



Gemma Perry, from the Cutting Edge Hair Salon.

years so we are not as passionate about it as some people but I suppose we would just like to know where we stand.

"We need to know for our brochures and things."

Mr Turner said: "I don't think we mind either way but it would be good to have a decision. I think there are about eight Llansantffraids in Wales so the spelling could be important."

Hairdresser Gemma Perry, 27, from Oswestry, said she favoured having the T. She said: "I would say put the T back in, it is the way it has been for as long as I can remember."

Trish Counsell, who runs Cutting Edge hair salon in the village, said: "I think the signs should have a T. It has been a T since I can remember and it is spelled with a T on my business cards."

"I have always used a T and it has never

caused me or the business any trouble." The spelling debate has even reached other parts of Wales, according to workers who have been sub-contracted to carry out repairs on the village's river bridge.

Tom Hughes and Anthony Evans are travelling from Trawsfynydd to the site.

Mr Hughes said: "I would say leave it out because it is easier to say without the T but it is really up to the villagers."

Mr Evans said: "It is a village thing and whatever the villagers say, they should do." Susan Martin, from the luxury Bryn Tanat Hall hotel at Llansantffraid, added: "Let's keep the T in, we use the T in all our brochures and advertising."

"It has had a T for many, many years." Powys County Council spokesman John Evans said the change was made when work was carried out to create a list of place names in partnership with the Welsh Place

Name Standardisation Committee. The committee is a national body led by the Welsh Language Board, Welsh Assembly Government, the Ordnance Survey, academics and local authorities.

Mr Evans said community councils were consulted as part of the original standardisation work and Llansantffraid Community Council acknowledged the work, although it did not comment on the proposals.

The village's Powys county councillor Gwynfor Thomas said plans for a parish poll had been put on hold to allow further talks to be held between villagers involved in the debate later this month.

Mr Thomas said: "The debate is continuing and we will hopefully be able to find a way forward."

"We are trying to find a solution and that could be to have it with or without a T - and even dual naming has been considered."

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## Teenager denies bus theft



Alwyn Llewlyn Jones

A TEENAGER has appeared in court charged with taking a bus from Shrewsbury bus station and causing more than £26,000 in damage after it crashed into a shelter.

Alwyn Llewlyn Jones, of Llanfair Caereinion near Welshpool, has denied aggravated vehicle taking on April 11. The charge involves a single-decker Arriva Midlands bus and a shelter on Raven Meadows.

Two other men, who were also charged and due to appear at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on Monday, had their cases dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service.

The 18-year-old defendant has pleaded not guilty to the charge which includes the Dennis bus and bus shelter sustaining damage totalling £26,513. Jones was given unconditional bail to appear at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday.

## OAP facing sex offence charges

A 76-YEAR-OLD disabled pensioner appeared in court charged with sex offences.

Richard Cynog Jones of Dol Hendre, Llangynog faces a sex assault allegation dating back to the mid 90s, and a second charge based on allegations made earlier this year. Both complainants were children.

The defendant, who appeared at Mold Crown Court on Friday accompanied by a care worker, was bailed by the judge, Mr Recorder John Philpotts, pending a hearing in September when he will be asked to enter pleas.

## Grieving family's tribute to 'the very best of men'

THE grieving family of an Oswestry man who died after getting into difficulties while swimming in a river have described him as a "young lad who was the very best of men".

In an emotional tribute, parents Dave and Denise Lawrence said their 21-year-old son Anthony would be missed by many people including his circle of friends, who treated his home as their own, and his girlfriend, Faye Merley, whose love had made his last two years the "happiest of his life".

by Iain St John

## 'White van man' is given 17 years for sexual abuse

A FARM worker who repeatedly sexually abused young girls over the course of a decade in and around Trefonen has been jailed for a total of 17 years.

Charles Stealey, referred to as "the white van man" in the village near Oswestry, was convicted of a dozen offences, including three of rape.

The 51-year-old carried out assaults in the back of his van, as well as at the homes of his victims and at other locations around the village.

Passing sentence at Birmingham Crown Court on Friday, Judge Peter Barrie told Stealey that he had caused "grave and lasting harm" to both of his young victims.

In addition Stealey was made subject of an indefinite sex offences prevention order, banning him from unsupervised contact with any female under 16.

He was banned from working with children for life and will be on the sex offenders' register for an indefinite period.

Stealey, who used to live in Trefonen, had denied 20 sexual abuse allegations between 2000 and 2010, and claimed that one of the victims had told "a pack of lies".

The jury convicted Stealey of 12 abuse charges - including three rapes - involving the two girls who were under 16. He was cleared of four further charges of rape and one of sexual assault relating to a middle-aged woman.

The jury failed to reach verdicts on two other abuse allegations involving a third young girl and the prosecution said it would not be seeking a retrial and formal not guilty verdicts were recorded.

And the heartbroken Oswestry couple spoke of their sadness that their son would not be able to follow his dream of travelling to Japan with his girlfriend to explore the country's art and culture.

Anthony, who studied graphic art at Walford and North Shropshire College, died after getting into difficulties while swimming with his father at the confluence of the rivers Dee and Ceiriog near Chirk on July 16.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence, of Ty Maen, Lower Brook Street, Oswestry, said: "Anthony was an intelligent, deep thinker.

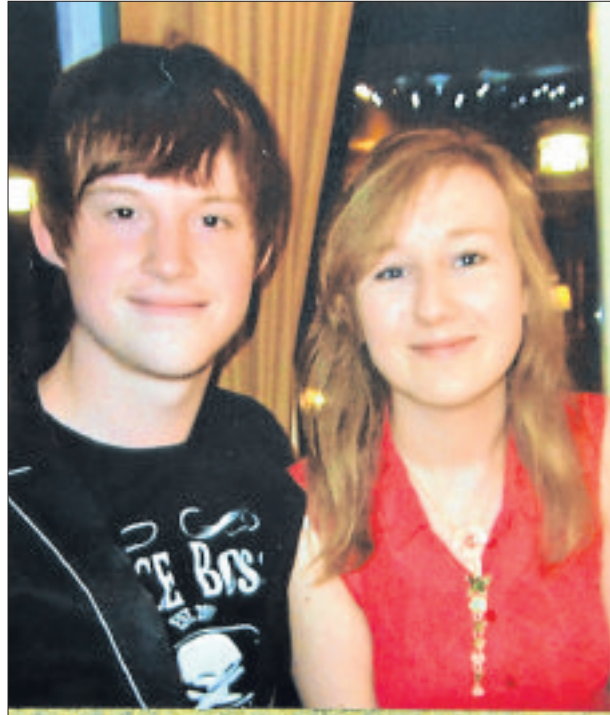
"He loved to engage in conversation with family and friends and loved to search a topic of conversation to get a greater depth of understanding of the subject that caught his imagination.

## Complete

"His girlfriend of two years, Faye, was the love of his life, always on the same wavelength, they looked as if they were cut from the same cloth, together they looked the complete couple.

"They had a wonderful week's holiday together just the week before Anthony died and as his immediate family we would like to pay tribute to and thank Faye for the love and happiness she shared with Anthony and for genuinely making these last two years the happiest of his life.

"Aside from his peers, Anthony would quite readily admit that amongst his very best and closest friends was his mum who he loved as a mother but talked to and spent time with as a friend as well as a parent.



Anthony Lawrence and Faye Merley - ambitions of going to Japan.

"Anthony loved his family deeply. He was a special person to them from the time he was born to the time he died.

"Aged just 21, his family still thought of him as a young lad, but he was tall, physically strong and at the same time gentle, kind, caring and considerate.

"This young lad was the very best of men."

The couple said Anthony and Faye had spoken of a long held ambition of going

to Japan to learn more about the country's culture and art.

Mr Lawrence, 44, said Anthony was looking to save for the trip while Faye was at university in Cardiff.

He said: "It was something they had spoken about, it was a dream

"They had spoken about the future a lot, they were together a lot and loved each other."

## NEWS in brief

## Workers run to help car scheme

STAFF from the British Ironwork Centre at Aston, near Oswestry, raised more than £500 for the Shropshire Community Car Scheme by taking part in the Shrewsbury half-marathon last month.

The six strong team clocked a combined time of just over 12 hours.

Bobbie Phillips, one of the team members, said: "The community car scheme is a charity close to my heart. They helped my brother in a time of need, helping him get to and from hospital appointments when we were unable to. I feel this is a wonderful charity and without the volunteer drivers and money raised they would not be able to help people in similar situations."

Jeanette Mills, from the community car scheme, said: "The money will help our most vulnerable clients."

## 18-year-old admits to stealing an iPod

AN 18-year-old Oswestry man has admitted stealing an iPod.

Jordan Jones, of Offa Drive, Oswestry, pleaded guilty to one count of robbery when he appeared before Shrewsbury Crown Court on Monday.

The court heard how on August 23 last year, Jones stole the iPod Touch from another man.

Jones, who was 17 at the time of the offence, originally denied the charge but he changed his plea yesterday when he was due to stand trial on the matter.

Sentencing was adjourned to a date yet-to-be fixed for a pre-sentence report. Jones was released on conditional bail.

He was told to report to Oswestry Police Station each day and to have no contact with the complainant in the case.



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## NEWS

# Costing worries over cinema scheme for town's library

**BRINGING** part of Oswestry's library back into use as a cinema and community building would be difficult and expensive, councillors have said.

Money would need to be spent bringing in lifts at the building off Arthur Street to improve access, according to Councillor Martin Bennett. And he said the authority would face an "incredible logistical problem" reopening the access from the main library, which was sealed off as part of a renovation of the building several years ago.

by Sue Austin

## Raid accused denies charges

A WREXHAM man has denied two early morning burglaries at businesses in Chirk.

Ioan Matthew McKenzie, 35, of Moorland Avenue, is accused of stealing £165 cash, hair straighteners, clippers and scissors during a burglary at Guys and Molls Hairdressers in Church Street on March 5.

He is also charged with stealing £80 cash and a black leather bag containing items used for valuing jewellery, together with some change from Korky's General Store, also in Church Street, on the same day.

McKenzie denied both charges when he appeared at Mold Crown Court on Friday and was bailed pending his trial in December.

He was bailed on condition that he observes a 7pm to 7am curfew and he must live at his home address.

An application to put the curfew back was rejected by the judge, Mr Recorder John Philpotts.

Ideas for the future of the building will be presented to councillors later this year by Steve Haworth, chairman of the Friends of Oswestry Library, before any decision is made.

Possible uses for the area include the development of a cinema and theatre space, an exhibition space, a mini conference facility and small workspaces for artists to supplement that offered by the town's indoor market.

Councillors criticised the way part of the building was closed off to accommodate an extension a number of years ago at a meeting of Oswestry Town Council on Monday.

Councillor Bennett gave councillors a virtual tour of the building via a video he had made following a visit. He said the three storeys were currently accessed via a narrow squared spiral staircase.

"Access would be a major problem," he said. It is not possible to put just one lift in to serve all three storeys and the access into the new library is sealed off.

"It is ridiculous that this space was renovated at great public expense and then sealed off to public access. Making use of this space would be an incredible logistical problem."

Councillor Cynthia Hawksley said: "The access just is not there but I think we should invite Mr Haworth to come to a meeting and explain the proposals."

## Business booming for firm



Gemma Beddoes, of Dairy Dreams, with some of their ices. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

LAST summer, an ice cream manufacturer was struggling to sell its product during the wash-out weather.

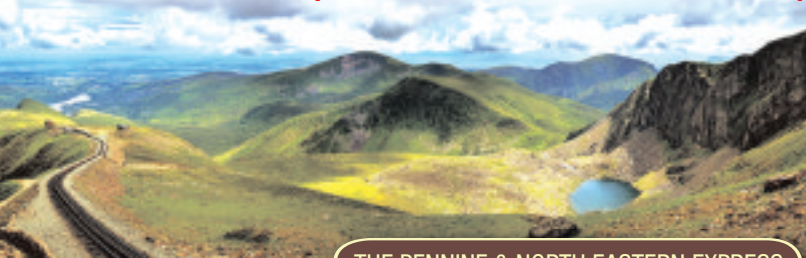
A year later, with temperatures hitting 30 degrees, they're working late into the night to try to keep up with demand.

Gemma Beddoes, of Dairy Dreams Ice Cream at Churchstoke, near Welshpool, said this year's weather had provided a big boost to the business, at

Common Piece Farm beside the A489. "We can't keep it in the freezer," she said. "Last year we were struggling for storage space, it was the worst time we had seen with the ice cream, but this year we are making about 160 litres of ice cream every week."

"I have been out at 11pm at night to try to keep the stock levels up. It has been completely different to last year, a complete contrast."

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## NEWS

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# Disabled youngsters given the chance to enjoy cricket

MEMBERS of a pioneering sports group are making sure youngsters in the Oswestry area still have the joys of playing cricket despite any disability they may have.

Brothers Dick and Fred Wildgoose launched their cricket for the disabled programme in 1989 and although the twins are now aged 78 they are still going strong and still organising taster sessions.

Their latest session was held last week at Oswestry Cricket Club, and more than 30 children with disabilities attended.

by Iain St John

## Campaign to reduce blazes

A MAJOR campaign is being launched to reduce the number of accidental fires which usually increase during the school holidays.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's Safety in the Home team is spearheading the public awareness campaign.

The kitchen has been identified as the most dangerous room in the home with 146 cooking fires reported in Shropshire between April last year and April this year.

In north Shropshire, there were a total of 24 fires - 11 in Oswestry, six in Whitchurch and seven in Market Drayton.

Shoppers attending market days in Oswestry will receive the fire safety information.

"Traditionally there has been a trend in north Shropshire for an increase in accidental fires during the children's summer vacation mostly in July at the start of the school holidays," said the brigade's team leader Rabinder Dhani.

## New roles for Stuart and Emily



Stuart Green and Emily Ball.

PUPILS Stuart Green and Emily Ball have been appointed to the roles of the new head boy and girl at The Marches School in Oswestry.

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# Yee haa! Crowds enjoy the fun at



Chris Jones from Wallacey and Karen Snowball from Runcorn line dancing. Pictures: Ian Sheppard.



The festival takes place against the backdrop of the hills around Welshpool.



Flags flying at the festival.



Kevin Murray from Runcorn was Chief Crazy Horse.

**MUSIC fans from far and wide descended on Welshpool for the town's annual country music festival – and helped raise £12,000 for charity.**

The three-day event was staged on the former showfield in Powis Castle grounds for the 26th event.

And delighted organisers have revealed £12,000 has been brought in for the Welsh-

**by Pam Griffin**

pool-based charity Heulwen Trust. Hundreds of people turned out in country and western clothing for the event, which saw 13 music acts take to the stage.

The opening of the show saw the traditional Western charge down the bank with 66 "westerners" in traditional costume with guns blazing, to music.

Off stage, visitors were challenged to a fast draw competition by Doug Perry and there were plenty of activities for children including a bouncy castle, face painting and pony rides and a variety of trade, food and drinks stands along with a tombola and raffle.

Rozanne Corfield, event organiser, said: "It was an absolutely fantastic weekend.

"All the committee and volunteers worked so hard but it was well worth it. We think we raised about £12,000.

"We had 300 caravans and tents staying on the site and a lot of new people came who hadn't been before.

"It costs over £30,000 per year to run the boats, and our main source of funding is the annual country and western music festival.

"We are privileged that the Earl of Powis allows us the use of the Powis Castle Showfield.

"This is a truly stunning location, with spectacular views over the Severn Valley."

The Heulwen Trust, which was formed in 1985 is a charity whose aim is to provide free trips along the Montgomery Canal for the disabled.

The trust operates two purpose-built narrow boats to cater for the special needs of passengers, manned by trained volunteers.

And the boats were offering visitors free trips over the weekend to allow them to see where all the money goes from this fundraising event.

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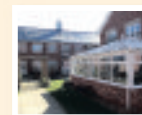
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## NEWS

## country music bop



People enjoying the Welshpool Country and Western Festival in the grounds of Powis Castle.



Paul McWilliam, left, and Stephen Hanslip who are both from Oswaldtwistle.



Visiting from Stroud are Kaylee Huggins, Sarah Huggins and Claire Beavis.



Music Duo Pete Walker, left, and Alec Johnson playing as Twin Falls.

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**COMMENT****Tragedy highlights river and reservoir dangers**

**THE death last week of a 21-year-old Oswestry man has highlighted locally the dangers of swimming in rivers and reservoirs.**

Rescue services across the country have been issuing warnings about the risks of taking to the water during the current heatwave as incident levels grow – several in Shropshire in the last month.

Swimming at such locations does look inviting but the reality is very different and can have tragic consequences.

Open water can hold hidden dangers. Looking calm on the surface, it may often hide strong undercurrents. The water can be deep, and there are often sudden drops and underwater obstacles that you cannot see.

Believing that reservoirs are safer to swim in is not always true either. They can be very treacherous. The water is nor-

**BREEZE ABOUT TOWN**

with Graham Breeze



mally extremely cold and in such contrast to the air temperature can cause muscles to cramp.

And you can never tell what might be lurking just under the surface of reservoirs, which are often far deeper than you think.

Jumping in to cool off may seem very inviting but let's all take care out there.

THE Royal baby is only a few days old but already I've had enough of the publicity surrounding the arrival of our future

King. The World's press has gone completely bananas about the birth of Williams and Kate's young man and the entire news agenda has been focused clearly on very little else.

But TV cameras pointing at a closed hospital door for over an hour in wait for a fleeting glimpse of a child who is the son of a future king, who is also the son of another future king – that's a bit too much for me.

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WHAT amused me this week was news that banks will reveal details from January of their lending in thousands of local areas.

Banks say that publishing lending data across 10,000 postcode areas will boost credit to homeowners and small businesses.

It is said this should encourage competition by helping smaller lenders to iden-

tify gaps in the market and lure other lenders to the shunned areas.

Personally I can't wait to see the data published – I didn't think the banks were lending money to anyone at the moment.

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WHAT wound me up this week was seeing just how much money has been spent in the football transfer window.

At the time of writing this column clubs across Europe have parted with no less than £295million as the idiotic spending spree continues.

One day this must surely come to an end and then the entire football world will collapse like a pack of playing cards. Take away Sky TV money and the spending of a handful of the world's richest individuals and the sport will be in ruins.

Someone has to come up with a plan to put a cap on spending. I thought there was a worldwide recession at the moment.

**Tributes paid to town's first driving instructor**

by Pam Griffin

**TRIBUTES** have been paid to the man widely recognised as the first driving instructor in Oswestry after he died aged 75.

Les Jones taught thousands of people to drive during his 30-year career – including his wife Beryl.

He had a small family with just one brother, Ray, who currently lives in Birmingham, and one daughter, Lesley Laker, who was named after him.

Mrs Laker said he died on July 8 at Meadowbrook Care Home in Gobowen, where he had lived since Beryl died in December 2007.

She said: "He was one of those people. He worked very hard but was always smiling. He was a very happy person."

**Taught**

"He met my mum by teaching her to drive, then they both became driving instructors. They married in October 1974 and were married for over 30 years."

Les was one of the first driving instructors in the area, starting his business in the early 1960s, and taught many of the town's older driving instructors to drive.

"He taught thousands of people to drive over the years, and in the 1960s he had a fleet of 10 driving school cars," Mrs Laker said. "And he taught everything that moved – cars and buses, and he was an examiner for motorbikes."

One of Les's ambitions was to run a pub, and in 1994 he took over the Wynnstay in Llansilin.

Mrs Laker said: "As a youngster growing up he always wanted his own business, which he got with the driving school, and then he wanted to have a pub, which he also achieved."

Mr and Mrs Jones ran the pub and also



Les Jones, who has died, pictured with his late wife Beryl.

operated a meals on wheels service to local people until October 2001, when they decided it was time to retire.

But even after retiring, Mr Jones continued to be involved with driving, volunteering for Dial-a-ride and helping older people without transport of get to doctors' appointments.

Mrs Laker said her dad loved doing things with his family.

"He was very chuffed when my son Harry came along in July

2006," she said. "He loved being a grandad."

"He was quite family-orientated and he had to be involved in things – he hated sitting still and doing nothing."

His other great love was local football, and for many years he was heavily involved with Trefonen Football Club as chairman, and then with Morda FC as chairman. The funeral took place on Monday at All Saints Parish Church in Trefonen.

**Storytelling, dance and music on bill at big folk weekend**

THE final line-up has been announced for Llanymynech's first traditional music festival.

The Llanymynech Folk Weekend will take place on August 16-18 and will be a bi-lingual event with music and dance, songs and storytelling from both sides of the English/Welsh border.

Friday evening will see the festival kick-off with a concert in the village hall. The first half of the evening will feature the trio of Michelle Soigne on vocals and cittern, and concertina, John Neilson on vocals, cittern, and accordion, and Meri Lawes on guitar, playing a selection of largely English songs and tunes including a number of local Shropshire items. The second half of the concert will feature the three-piece group Triawd from North Wales.

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Saturday is a mix of music, song, dance, and storytelling workshops, with a Welsh dance display at lunchtime and a barn dance/twmpath led by the Tanat Dancers in the evening. There will be workshops on English tunes, English folk song, Welsh tunes, clogging and folk dance, and storytelling.

Children's activities will also be taking place with two special workshops led by Vagabondi Puppets to create a giant lion and dragon, which will be paraded up the border on Sunday morning. The workshops are open to all Folk Weekend ticket holders.

Sunday will start with a West Gallery music-based service in the local church, followed by a procession with the lion and the dragon up the border to the Heritage Area for a Grand Village Fete. Shropshire traditional music trio Bartram, Brookes and Weatherall will play on the stable block stage and there will be a full performance by Vagabondi Puppets during the course of the afternoon.

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You should always take legal advice before purchasing a business to ensure that the documentation is accurate and enforceable, and contains all of the provisions which are required to protect your interests and to ensure that you get what you are paying for..

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## LETTERS &amp; NEWS

## No reason to ignore bag fees scheme

THE Break the Bag Habit campaign says there are no credible reasons left for the Government not to introduce a charge on all carrier bags in England.

Figures show an increase of 4.4 per cent in the use of single-use carrier bags in England, while Wales showed a 76 per cent decrease in usage. Wales introduced a charge in October 2011 and new figures provide the first full year's reporting.

The scheme applies to all single-use carrier bags regardless of material, with some obvious exceptions, such as small bags required for fresh meat or fish. It reduces unnecessary waste and litter, helping to reduce costly pollution of our seas, countryside and towns.

To date, the Government has done nothing more than say it will 'monitor' the scheme in Wales, despite the initiative reporting a significant reduction in bags in the first three months, the popularity of the scheme increasing and people reporting less litter. Northern Ireland introduced a scheme in April this year and Scotland has confirmed it will do so in 2014.

The Government has also said it is worried about the impact of a charge on households in difficult times. However, it is not compulsory to buy a bag, so the charge is avoidable through making use of the many inexpensive and robust reusable bags now available.

Evidence shows that a Bag for Life used x4 has the best environmental impact so it's possible for shoppers to find bags they can reuse.

The figures showing an increase in bag use in England and a massive decrease in Wales are resounding evidence for the Government to introduce a charge on carrier bags in England. We are now the only nation left not to apply a 5p charge. There is nothing left to monitor.

It is clear that the scheme works, is popular with shoppers and isn't a burden on shop owners.

If the Government takes the findings of its own Waste Review seriously, telling us to reduce waste first, before reuse and then recycling, it must support a charge on carrier bags.

England cannot be the only home nation not to benefit from such a scheme.

**SAMANTHA HARDING,**  
Break the Bag Habit

## Stop genetic tinkering on mice

DESPITE a post-election pledge by the coalition government to reduce animal experiments, new official figures show that the total has again risen.

The Home Office points out that the dramatic increase is due to more GM mice being used, but genetically-altering mice does not make them unfeeling, disposable lab tools. In fact, Animal Aid's recent report, *Science Corrupted* (available at [animalaid.org.uk](http://animalaid.org.uk)), found that GM mice suffer terribly.

The genetic modification process itself involves painful procedures

including major surgery and castration, and has resulted in mice pups being born with water on the brain, cleft palate, exposed internal organs, missing limbs and severely malformed heads.

The intention of genetic tinkering is to induce in the mice cancer, heart failure, dementia and other diseases but the results fall well short on scientific grounds by being poor equivalents of the human conditions.

In addition to the suffering caused by the deliberately induced afflictions, some mice face further torments such

as being poisoned, injected with acid, or given electric shocks. And all for what? Time and time again it has been proven that therapies that work effectively in GM mice 'models' fail when administered to human patients.

Researchers must abandon archaic animal tests and adopt progressive, human-based science instead, for the benefit of people and animals. Contact Animal Aid if you would like to help us end the suffering.

**CLAUDIA TARRY**  
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## One year on from impressive Paralympics

IN A couple of months it will be a year since the London 2012 Paralympics.

Those Games did more than any other event in recent memory to raise awareness of disability and showcase the incredible achievements of people with disabilities – but has anything really changed?

I work for a charity called Vitalise. We provide much-needed respite breaks for people with disabilities and carers. After the Paralympics we surveyed our disabled guests and they told us the Games had really improved the public's perception of them, but they feared this positivity would not lead to lasting change.

Vitalise is 50 this year. We have been supporting people with disabilities and their families for five decades, so we know a little about the subject. Society has made great strides in the past 50 years, but the sad fact remains that people with disabilities and carers remain among the most disenfranchised and vulnerable members of society.

For more info about Vitalise call 0303 303 0147, e-mail [info@vitalise.org.uk](mailto:info@vitalise.org.uk) or visit [www.vitalise.org.uk](http://www.vitalise.org.uk)

**COLIN BROOK**  
Vitalise

## Funds are in short supply

IT is with great interest that I read your article on the impact of closing four rural fire stations in Shropshire, including the comments of the Baschurch fire station manager Mr Brian Welti.

It is clear that finances for public services are in short supply, it is also abundantly clear that less people are affected by cuts in rural areas than in urban areas. This is the case with all service cuts. As a rural resident with a fire station nowhere near me I openly accept this.

If the government has room for a small tweak in its formula as is requested by Brian Welti, then surely that money would do more good being spent on local health, social care, and the protection of the old and vulnerable.

At least the firefighters in these stations will only be losing part time pay and not their main income.

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Here's a picture to bring back memories – although it's difficult to say if they will be good ones or less good ones for the soldiers who served here. This postcard is captioned "The Avenue, Park Hall, Oswestry" and, as you can see, it says "Royal Artillery" on the arch. The date is not known, so your guess is as good as ours on that one. The postcard comes from regular contributor Ray Farlow.

## Plea to sign up for half marathon

WE are urging people to get their running shoes on and sign up for this year's Great North Run – the world's largest half marathon – on September 15 to help fight meningitis on all fronts.

The Great North Run deadline for entries has been extended until July 29. We're looking for more runners to sign up and help represent Team Meningitis Trust/Meningitis UK.

To take part or for more information, contact me on 01453 769023 or e-mail [beckyj@meningitis-trust.org](mailto:beckyj@meningitis-trust.org)

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## Congratulations for wild flower display

MANY congratulations and grateful thanks to all involved in the wild flower planting in Eastern Oswestry.

What a fantastic display! If you haven't had the privilege of seeing this wonderful, well thought out and executed initiative please make time to do so, it's well worth the effort.

**ELISABETH POWELL,**  
4 Kensington Close,  
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**WELSHPOOL**

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**NEWS**  
in brief**Greater flexibility for home owners**

HOMEOWNERS in the Welshpool area will soon be able to carry out changes to their property without the need for planning permission.

The Welsh Assembly said the changes will allow property owners to build a larger range of extensions and garden buildings without a planning application.

The measures will come in on September 30.

Visit: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/policy/guidance/and-extensions/householder-permitted-development-t-r-i-g-h-t-s/?skip=1&lang=en>

**Man, 22, gets jail term for burglary**

A 22-YEAR-OLD man from Llanfair Caereinion has been sentenced to eight months in jail for a burglary at Moelygarth, near Welshpool.

Danny Graham Hanson was also sentenced to four months for witness intimidation following the break in last year.

A 24-year-old woman, Stacey Louise Edwards from Churchstoke, Montgomery was also sentenced to eight months imprisonment for her part in the offence. That sentence has been suspended for two years.

Another man, 24-year-old Robert Luke Morris, will be sentenced at a later date.

# Talks over changes to yellow lines and parking restrictions

**CONTROVERSIAL plans to change double yellow lines and parking restrictions in Welshpool were being discussed by councillors last night (Wednesday).**

Welshpool Town Council was debating Powys County Council's plans to review double yellow lines for a second time.

Last month the council agreed to extend yellow lines in a number of locations in the town while removing them altogether from Gungrog Road.

by Andrew Morris

## Warning over rogue traders

PEOPLE in the Welshpool area are being urged to be on guard when approached by sellers offering services following a spate of incidents involving rogue traders.

Powys County Council said it was teaming up with the Trading Standards Institute, the Office of Fair Trading, Dyfed-Powys Police and Citizens Advice to provide advice on how to deal with uninvited and invited doorstep sellers.

It said it was also on the lookout for inappropriate and illegal sales tactics and pestering texts, e-mails and unexpected phone calls.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it had received about a dozen complaints in the past couple of months about rogue trader activity.

The council said its Trading Standards Service had information about people selling power tools and gardening services.

The council said it has put together some advice to help people buy with safety on the doorstep. Contact (01686) 617524.

But a decision on future plans for Howell Drive and Woodside were put off until this month for further discussions to take place.

The changes will be made by the county council, but it has asked Welshpool Town Council for its views before going ahead.

The town council will recommend that double yellow lines be taken along both sides of the length of Howell Drive. But it recommends the planned double yellow lines in Woodside be reduced by a third.

Councillors signed off on the majority of proposals at the meeting last month but wanted further time to consider the proposals for the two streets.

The changes would also see a ban on lorries unloading in the town between 7am and 9am and 4pm to 5.30pm to help tackle hold-ups in the town centre.

Other areas where the lines could be extended are Oldford Rise and Oldford Close, with car parking spaces built on the grassed area in front of the flats.

The lines will also be extended in Bowling Green Lane, Church Road, Chelsea Lane and Severn Street.

Yellow lines could also be extended further down Red Bank, in Brookfield Road and some corners further into the cul-de-sac by the school entrance.

Waiting times on the street will now also all be limited to 45 minutes in all bays except for outside the sorting office in Severn Street, which is to be 15 minutes.

## Top class playgroup wins an accolade



Pupils at Ysgol Ardwyn Playgroup.

YSGOL Ardwyn Playgroups Ltd, a sessional and all day care early years setting in Ardwyn Nursery and Infant school in Welshpool, has been praised following a recent inspection.

The Estyn inspectors ran the rule over the school's facilities and capabilities and considered its recent move to a refurbished classroom to be a "very good setting".

Inspector, Mr Eifion Morgan, described it as a "vibrant learning environment" with "professional staff who have a clear vision for the future of the setting which focuses on the best provision for the children."

He praised the management and the active involvement of parents and trustees.

"The group has received several letters of congratulations from our local Assembly Member and Member of Parliament," said a group spokesperson.

The group has also been involved in piloting the Healthy Pre-school Scheme and an inspection for the Safety and Environment units took place recently too.

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## Residents urged to aid crime fight

PEOPLE living in Welshpool are being urged to set up Neighbourhood Watch areas in a bid to cut crime.

Dyfed Powys Police said it is pushing the scheme in Welshpool to help the neighbourhood police team deal better with residential burglaries and anti-social behaviour.

The force said it wants volunteers from the local community to come forward to lead the schemes if they are to be a success.

PCSO Sarah Rees-Jones said once a watch was set up a neighbourhood police will be assigned to the group for liaison on incidents.

She said: "Welshpool neighbourhood policing officers are holding a series of Neighbourhood Watch drop in days at Welshpool Police Station in an attempt to encourage members of the public to set up schemes of their own."

"The drop in days will be held on Sunday, July 28 from 10am to 2pm and Wednesday, July 31 from 6pm to 8pm."

"We're hoping to see people who might be interested in setting up a scheme in their area. These schemes are all about communities

by Graham Breeze

getting together to help reduce crime and also improve links between the community and the police.

"Anyone can join, and as well as the crime prevention element, it's also a great way to meet people who live near you and voice your concerns."

"Once you have registered a watch, you'll be given a dedicated neighbourhood policing officer to act as your liaison and you'll be able to attend meetings for your area, find out more about crime levels and trends and you'll also get regular newsletters and advice on security."

"If you'd like to find out more come along to our drop in days, or visit our website at [www.dyfed-powys.police.uk](http://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk)"

You can also call the force on (01267) 222020.

## That's magic for Nick



Nick Stein who is appearing at The Royal Oak.

A MAGICIAN who injects a unique sense of humour into his act will be appearing as the headline at the next Comedy Club event at The Royal Oak next month.

Nick Stein, a professional magician, has been performing for over 10 years, wowing spectators all around the world and will be in town on August 24.

Scottish comedian Alan Francis will also be on stage and the evening will be hosted by Erich McElroy.

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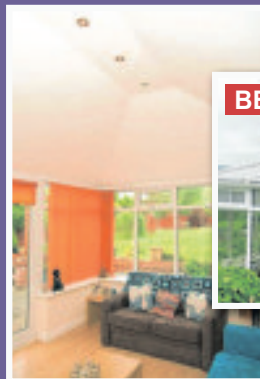
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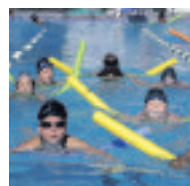
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## NEWS

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## Housing bosses at national conference

BOSSES at Shropshire's new housing organisation have spoken at a national conference.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing took over the management of council housing in April.

As an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO), it takes decisions on the day-to-day running of housing stock, although the homes have remained in the ownership of Shropshire Council.

The new body was represented at the National Federation of ALMOs annual conference.

Managing director Sue Adams said: "I felt very honoured to have been asked to speak at the National Federation of ALMOs Conference and annual general meeting."

"This was a great opportunity to meet fellow ALMOs to share good practice, discuss the challenges that lie ahead and learn about how ALMOs have met the current challenges."

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing took responsibility for the management of all 4,200 Shropshire Council owned homes in the Oswestry and Bridgnorth areas in April.

The organisation manages homes and neighbourhoods; collects rent, orders repairs and makes improvements to all housing.

# Businesswoman calls on locals to support town

**AN OSWESTRY businesswoman is calling on local people to support ideas to increase footfall in the town centre.**

And Wendy Unwin is also calling on residents and the town council to support traders near and far by ensuring Oswestry retains its Fairtrade town status.

Mrs Unwin, of The Gates Gifts shop on Church Street, has got together with fellow businesswoman Trish Brunt, of Candy Designs, to put together plans for a series of town fairs.

The first, called Made on the Borders (MOB) Fair, took place on Saturday at the Memorial Hall, bringing together some of the Oswestry area's best artists and crafters.

Further MOB fairs will take place in September and November.

Mrs Unwin said: "MOB fairs bring together the wonderful and eclectic range of talented producers, artists and crafters living along the Welsh borderlands. I think it is great for the town and brings people in to it."

"We are looking forward to having a series of MOB fairs with more planned in September and November."

Mrs Unwin said the event was one of several

**by Iain St John**

initiatives businesspeople were involved with in the town.

Another initiative was moves to ensure Oswestry kept its Fairtrade Town status, she said.

Oswestry has been a Fairtrade Town since May 2006 and was granted Fairtrade status following a campaign by Oswestry and District Fairtrade Group, together with support from the councils, shops, cafes, churches and other community groups.

Towns have to reapply to keep the status and campaigners must show they have the community's backing.

Towns have to meet various criteria to become a Fairtrade town or to retain the status.

Among the criteria is to have local councils pass a resolution backing Fairtrade and to ensure at least four Fairtrade product ranges are readily available in the area's retail outlets.



Wendy Unwin, owner of The Gates gift shop in Oswestry pictured preparing for the fair. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

## Literary help for whatever ails you

A CURE for anything is promised during an evening at Oswestry's Booka bookshop.

School of life bibliotherapists Ella Berthoud and Susan Elderkin will be providing literary prescriptions for any ailment – mind and body – at the evening on September 3.

The event coincides with the launch of their new book *The Novel Cure: An A-Z of Literary Remedies*.

Doors will open at 7pm. Tickets cost £15, which includes a signed hardback copy of *The Novel Cure* and a 'health remedies' goody bag, plus refreshments.

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## Council seat up for grabs

A VACANCY has arisen at Llanfyllin Town Council after Councillor Darren Mayor stood down.

Councillor Mayor said he was leaving to concentrate on duties including as Powys County Councillor for Llanfyllin. A meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council on July 17 was told voters had 14 days to request an election. If no request is made the council will co-opt a member later this year.

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**Group in talks to buy stores chain**

AGRICULTURAL group Wynnstay has announced it is in advanced discussions to buy a country stores chain in west Wales.

The Llansantffraid business announced to the stock exchange it is in advanced talks.

In a statement, the company said: "Wynnstay, the agricultural supplies and specialist retail group, announces that it is in advanced discussions in relation to the potential acquisition of the business and assets of Carmarthen & Pumsaint Farmers Ltd, which supplies agricultural inputs.

"There can be no certainty that these discussions will lead to the company entering into an agreement for the Potential Acquisition."

**Update on skate park at meeting**

AN update on the development of a skate park for youngsters at Llanymynech will be given at a meeting tonight (Thursday).

Members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council will be given more details at Llanymynech Village Hall.

Other issues to be discussed will be the latest on the effect the transportation of equipment to proposed windfarms in Mid Wales will have on the area. The talks begin at 7.15pm.

# Hundreds flock to town for model railway show

by Pam Griffin

**HUNDREDS** of people turned out to see Oswestry's first model railway show in 40 years which was held on Sunday.

The Cambrian RailEx was organised by the Borders Model Railway Club and Cambrian Heritage Railways, and took place at Oswestry Station.

And the day was so successful that organisers have said it will now become an annual event.

Enthusiasts from around the county set up 16 model railway layouts on the ground and first floors of the Victorian building, including a model of the Algar Valley, a 1950s British Railways-era Motley Shed, and a 7mm scale Bumph Mine.

A larger scale model train gave rides to children and their parents on the platform of the station while full-sized trains ran alongside, and a vintage bus carried passengers from Oswestry to Llyncllys Station, which is also owned by the heritage railway.

Exhibition manager Kevin Whittle said: "It will definitely be an annual event now. We've had hundreds of visitors, 16 layouts, four trade stalls, the ride on the platform and a man with a display of vintage railway tickets from the local area.

"The displays are all over the building, and I think it's probably the first time people have been able to see a display upstairs in the station, so it was lovely to be able to show that part of the building to visitors.

"This is such an important railway with the works next door and being the headquarters of the Cambrian Railway and a big junction. We wanted to give a bit of a push



Paul Manning from Plmodels at the model rail exhibition and fair held at Oswestry railway station. Pictures: Laura Dufield.



Nyall Rudge was busy setting up a layout at the model railway exhibition.

to the Cambrian Heritage Railway and the station trust."

Fred Newall, chairman of Oswestry Model Engineering Society, brought along the large-scale model which was on display on the platform. The model is usually kept at Park Hall, where visitors can take a ride on a quarter of a mile of track.

"This is like a bigger version of the models on display inside," he said. "The members built the train themselves. It's a model of a slate quarry loco like you'd find on the Welsh railways.

"All our members have got various models in their sheds, so it's a hobby that needs a lot of space, but it's lovely when we can bring it out and see the kids enjoying themselves having a ride."



Julie Gerrard from Buffer Books.



Tom Williamson, a model maker from Tramtronic at the exhibition and fair.

## Tree firm branches out with venture

AN Oswestry Christmas tree business is looking to branch out and create jobs by opening a farm shop and visitor centre.

Bosses at Oswestry Christmas Tree Farm say their plans will help open up the northern gateway to the town, provide an economic boost to the area and create a trail centre for bikers and walkers.

Three full-time and eight part-time jobs would also be created. The development has been proposed for the business's base at Pentre Clawdd Farm, near Oswestry, and the application has been made by Julian and Emma Morris from the firm.

Mr Morris said: "The farm shop and visitors centre will hopefully open up the northern gateway to Oswestry and provide a welcome for visitors wanting to experience the market town of Oswestry and the exceptional diverse range of local foods, as well as providing a trail centre for mountain bikers, cyclists and walkers wanting to link into the Wat's Dyke, Offa's Dyke, and local trails."

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Recently opened vintage tea shop The Bay Tree, in Welshpool. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

**THE Bay Tree Vintage Tea Rooms** has opened in Welshpool and is a journey back in time for customers.

Trudy Thomas has turned the clock back and fitted the Church Street tea rooms with a fascinating collection of mementos of yesteryear offering a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for customers.

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a surprise awaiting visitors with a relaxed seating area upstairs with large leather sofas and free wifi.

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**Tightly baled hay could catch fire**

FARMERS in Mid Wales have been urged to be aware of the spontaneous combustion of newly-gathered hay following the recent spell of good weather which has allowed them to produce large crops.

The Farmers' Union of Wales said that after a number of seasons of indifferent harvesting weather and challenging winter conditions, farmers can ill afford to face further losses or expenses due to inadequate insurance cover and now is the time to review covers and sums insured on agricultural produce.

Spontaneous combustion can sometimes occur if hay is tightly baled at too high a moisture level.

**Society hands £170 to charity**

THE Clwyd Veteran and Vintage Machinery Society has donated £170 to charity. The money was raised through a raffle at its vintage vehicle show in Oswestry.

The donation was presented to the Shooting Stars Patients Comfort Fund within the Shooting Stars Cancer Unit at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

It was presented by Roberta Trickett, committee member responsible for raffle fundraising, on behalf of CVVMS.

# Second chairman in two months for tourism group

**A TOURISM partnership has appointed a new chairman – for the second time in two months.**

Members of Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership were informed that chairman Chris Futcher, who only took over the reins last month, had tendered his resignation.

The partnership said it was Mr Futcher's own decision to stand down and said thanks were recorded for his support and help he had given to the group, especially the setting up of the new partnership website. The partnership is a voluntary group of local and tourism focused businesses committed to protecting and enhancing the visitor experience in Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley.

by Iain St John

## Minister unveils housing package

WELSH Assembly housing minister Carl Sargeant has announced the first phase of a package of measures that will support the housing industry and improve the quality and safety of houses in the country.

Measures include the phased introduction of sprinklers in domestic properties and a revised target for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for new homes in Wales.

Mr Sargeant said: "I recognise these are tough times for the housing industry and households alike and have also listened to the concerns expressed during the public consultations and by house builders.

"However, it is important we continue to strive to deliver on the Welsh Government's commitment to deliver safe and sustainable housing for the people of Wales.

"There is no question fire sprinklers save lives. From April 2014 they will be required in all new and converted homes like care homes, student halls and boarding houses."

Group members voted vice-chairman Christine Ashford into the chairman's role.

Mrs Ashford said Mr Futcher's resignation had been announced with regret and said the search was now on for a new vice-chairman for the group.

She said: "As a long serving member of Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership I am pleased to become its new chair and delighted to be working alongside members who already work tirelessly within both of our communities.

"Partnership members now include people with business interests, farmers, hoteliers, bed and breakfast providers, activity operators, arts and crafts people, tourist attractions and many others who are interested in the welfare of our communities.

"Chirk and Ceiriog Valley Partnership operates in the areas of the three community councils in the Ceiriog Valley and Chirk Town Council."

Mrs Ashford comes to the new role with a huge amount of voluntary experience.

She spearheads the humanitarian aid group Kids4Kidz that provided help to children in many countries and supported by Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley. She is vice-chairman of Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen, chairman of Chirk Celebrations and Christmas Lights Committee, adopter of the award-winning railway station in Chirk and joint chairman of Chirk Gardeners' Club.

## Neve joins in steam rally fun



Neve Peate, from St Martins, aboard his 1961 KV ERF.  
Picture: Bob Greaves.

THOUSANDS of people visited a two-day vintage steam event in Bridgnorth showcasing more than 600 exhibits from an age gone by and an Oswestry man took along his prized vehicle.

Neve Peate, of St Martins-based North Shropshire Transport, took along the company's 1961 KV ERF to join in the displays at the Rally In The Valley event.

The popular event attracted more than 3,500 visitors on Saturday and Sunday.

There were steam engines, vintage machines, tractors, commercials, military motorcycles and pre-1975 cars all included in the display.

The event, now in its sixth year, had been moved to Grange Farm after outgrowing its previous venue size.

## Owner to shut store and open another

AN independent pound shop in Oswestry is closing after being hammered by the arrival of Poundland just a few doors away.

The Sound as a Pound Plus shop opened 13 years ago. But after two other cut price stores opened in town the arrival of Poundland was the last straw for owner, John Needham.

He will close his store on July 28 but has vowed to reopen a bargain store in the building the following week, giving himself three months to see if trade returns.

The Kelvie's Bargains store in the building on English Walls in the town, will, he says, give him a chance to remain a trader without having to compete with the big multiples.

When Poundland opened last month Mr Needham said he made losses for the next three weeks.

"I have six very loyal staff but I just couldn't go on making losses. Most of what I sell competes with Poundland and the two other cut-price stores that have opened in Oswestry in recent years.

"But I haven't got the buying power that the big shops have and customers also seem to think the bigger stores are better. I do have some wonderful, loyal, customers who have stayed with me and others that have come back recently."

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**Managers return to the frontline**

SENIOR managers from public and not-for-profit organisations from across Mid Wales have returned to the frontline to give them an insight into what staff face.

Back to Floor Week has seen senior representatives from Powys County Council, Powys Teaching Local Health Board, Dyfed-Powys Police, the Welsh Assembly, PAVO, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and the Police and Crime Commissioners office experience a 'day in the life' of frontline staff members in a range of public and third sector services in Newtown.

The project was organised by the Powys Local Service Board (LSB).

**Free bike safety checks on offer**

A FREE basic cycle maintenance course will be held in Oswestry on August 2.

It is aimed at cyclists of all ages to learn how to make a bike safety check, repair a puncture and make minor adjustments.

The course is being run by Travel Shropshire from 10am to 1pm at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre, Cabin Lane, Oswestry. Children are welcome but should bring a parent with them.

Visit [www.travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle-maintenance](http://www.travelshropshire.co.uk/cycle-maintenance) or call (01743) 253008.

# Campaign launched against sports centre closure plans

**A CAMPAIGN has been launched against controversial plans to close a sports centre on a Saturday as part of efficiency savings.**

Councillors claim the closure, which will start in March, is unfairly penalising Llanfyllin, near Oswestry, because the sports centre in the town is one of the area's most successful. They claim the Saturday closure has been pushed through by Powys County Council because other sports centres are losing money. And they have agreed to set up a group to examine the issue more closely. Councillor John Wike, who serves on the sports centre committee, told a meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council he was disappointed to be told of

by Iain St John

## Festival proves financial success

A WEEKEND-long festival aimed at raising money to turn a Victorian workhouse near the Shropshire border into an art and tourist venue proved to be a financial success, organisers have revealed.

The two-day Llanfyllin Workhouse Party raised enough money to cover two months' mortgage, town councillors have been told.

Town councillor Ian Jones, who is a trustee at the workhouse, said he was delighted with how things had gone at the party last weekend.

He told a meeting of Llanfyllin Town Council: "We had approximately 800 people and 24 bands from all over the country."

"One came from Glasgow and one came from London and we had all types of music apart from classical."

"We made money to cover at least two months' mortgage and put several thousands of pounds worth of materials into the building."

"It was much better than we expected."

the Saturday closure at a recent committee meeting and said no consultation had been carried out.

He said if the committee had been told of the threat to the opening hours members could have launched a publicity campaign to try to improve on the number of people who used the facility on a Saturday.

Councillor Wike said among the activities affected would be football training sessions and pensioners' swimming sessions.

Llanfyllin's county councillor Peter Lewis said he had only heard about the Saturday closure at short notice and that Powys County Council's cabinet had agreed to the move in a bid to save about £4,000.

He said: "They are trying to save £4,000 but Llanfyllin is one of the strongest balanced accounts." Last week's meeting was told the centre would be open on a Saturday for events such as children's parties but they would have to be pre-booked.

Councillor Lewis said: "There was no consultation. Llanfyllin is doing well but we are being lumped in with everything else."

"We are going to cut back and we will lose money because of it. It is a vicious circle."

"They say the football is not enough to keep it open. They will say you could go to Welshpool but we don't want people to go to Welshpool."

Councillor George Stroud said he did not agree it was a good decision to close the centre on a Saturday just to save £77 a week.

## Giraffes grazing in Cae Glas



Vince Hunt at the unveiling of giraffe sculptures in Cae Glas Park, Oswestry. Picture: Laura Duffield.

VISITORS to Oswestry may be forgiven for looking twice when they gaze upon the latest residents of the town's showpiece public park.

While huge grazing giraffes can be expected to be found on the African plains, they have never been found in Oswestry's Cae Glas Park.

But the park has now taken delivery of the latest piece in Oswestry's metal sculpture safari trail – two huge giraffes which have taken pride of place next to the crazy golf course as part of Oswestry's unique safari trail.

Up to 35 sculptures are being placed in businesses and at strategic points around the town to create an unusual visitor attraction.

All the sculptures are being provided free of charge to the town from bosses at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston, near Oswestry.

Cae Glas Park has already taken delivery of a pair of beautiful stags and bosses at the firm say they are delighted to be able to unveil a pair of giraffes too.

## Scores of villagers join fun at event

WHITTINGTON'S annual village fair was hailed a success after dozens of people turned out to enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun.

The fair was held at the village community and saw fair queen Phoebe Davies, 10, start proceedings when she arrived on a dray pulled by shire horses from nearby Park Hall and accompanied by the 1st Whittington Brownies.

During the afternoon visitors were entertained with music by Percussion Unlimited and dance displays by Pant Scottish Dancing Group and the Jane Ridgwell School of Dance from Oswestry.

The tea-room was kept busy as visitors took shelter from the sun, and for those who braved the heat, there were stalls, games, a balloon artist, stilt walker and unicyclist to entertain.

Kath Griffiths, who was one of the organisers of the event, said: "It was a very, very successful day. Percussion Unlimited started the entertainment by playing the music to Test Match Special, which is appropriate considering we won."

As well as the refreshments, the hall also hosted an exhibition by the Oswestry Embroiderers' Guild. And later on in the afternoon the prizes for the annual Whittington Garden Competition.

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## Grade II listed cottage in heart of scenic village

Lloran House, Waterfall Street, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, near Oswestry, is a charming Grade II listed stone built house in a central village location with a river at the rear.

The three-bedroom property is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at a guide price of £174,950.

It has an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, attic store/study, first floor bedroom one and bathroom, two further second floor bedrooms and a rear garden area.

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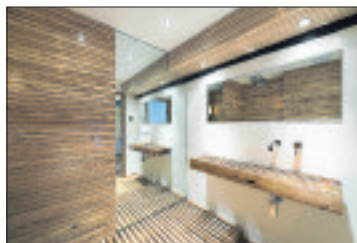


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CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING D  
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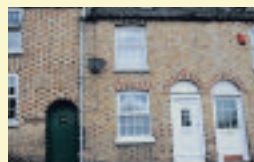
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**Oswestry** 45 BROOKHOUSE ROAD  
3 BED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE  
LIVING/DINING ROOM  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
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**NEW**  
**Oswestry** 85 APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS  
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VILLAGE LOCATION  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £129,950**



**NEW**  
**Gobowen** 4 MEADOW DRIVE  
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
3 RECEPTION ROOMS  
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**Oswestry** 4 POWIS PLACE  
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TOWN LOCATION  
EPC RATING F  
**OIRO £104,950**



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**Morda** 28 ERW WEN  
2 BED END TERRACE  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING  
EPC RATING D  
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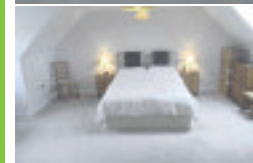
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- EPC Band D

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- Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-suite
- Detached Garage
- EPC Rating E

JJD802

**£345,000**

### PARK HALL, NR. OSWESTRY



- GFCH & D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Rating D

JJD820

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- Attractive Victorian Terraced House.
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Show chairman Malcolm Roberts at work at Buckley Farm. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

# Former union chairman to head up town show

MALCOLM Roberts, the former chairman of the Shropshire branch of the National Farmers Union, is chairman of Oswestry Show for 2013.

Mr Roberts, who farms at Maesbury, with the support of his wife Anne and children Andrew and Alice, took over the new role in April and in doing so paid tribute

### Advertisement feature

to the hard work carried out by retiring chairman, Philip Jones.

Mr Jones oversaw the alterations to the showground, leaving the show society in a tremendous position for the future.

Malcolm is looking forward to his new post.

He has been involved with the

show for many years beginning with his days in Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers' Club.

A former Shropshire NFU Chairman, Malcolm said that he hoped to carry on the success of the show which regularly attracts 20,000 people, as well as introducing new attractions and features but most importantly retaining the agricultural connections that is the basis of the popular one-day event.

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Oswestry Show retiring chairman, Philip Jones, handing over the office keys to current chairman, Malcolm Roberts.  
Picture: Peter Flemmich.

# Lots of changes for show visitors to see

**VISITORS** to this year's Oswestry Show on Saturday, August 3, will be able to enjoy the many improvements carried out over the past 18 months to the 37 acre showground on the outskirts of the market town.

Thanks to a grant obtained from Shropshire Council's Market Towns Revitalisation Programme, improvements have been made to roads and disabled car parks, a new roof has been completed on the show pavilion and main ring entertainment can be viewed from the new grandstand.

The biggest change will be the on-

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site show office, for many years the office was housed within the premises of Norman Lloyd Estate Agents before moving to Arthur Street, Oswestry.

Show manager, Mandy Roberts said that it was lovely to now be working on site and be part of the everyday life of the showground. She pointed out that schedules, tickets and badges can be obtained from the new office nearer to the show.

For the 128th show, the society is fortunate to have the support from two local businesses on the Village Green. DRE & Co, Chartered Accountants, sponsoring entertainment including

Chester Mazing who will entertain youngsters with a variety of plate spinning, stilt walking, magic, puppet and balloon modelling sessions.

Black Country Metalworks have agreed to construct an impressive bandstand, especially for the show, with the Brownfield Byrne Hot 6 consisting of Jamie Brownfield on trumpet, saxophonist Liam Byrne, Andy Hulme on guitar, Tom Kincaid on piano, Jack Swinnerton on bass and Jack Cotterill on drums playing a mixture of both classic and mainstream jazz sessions.

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# Oswestry Show

**Saturday 3rd August**  
Park Hall Showground



Judging of the Grey Face Dartmoors.



Spectacular displays in the main arena at last year's show.



Crowds enjoying the action in the main ring at Oswestry Show last year.

# Lots of attractions for show visitors to enjoy

## THERE are many attractions to wander around at the show.

A visit to see the small livestock building can be an interesting experience and a variety of different breeds in the poultry, pigeon, rabbit and cavy sections are on view with exhibitors drawn from far and wide.

The Horticultural Marquee is always a blaze of colour, a great place for the keen gardeners to browse around.

Oswestry Beekeepers Society will again have

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a stand here after a successful time in their new venue last year.

Take a step back in time and amble around Montgomeryshire's Vintage Tractor and Farm Machinery display leading on to the Vintage Classic Car and Motorcycle vehicles. Their highlight of the day is a parade in the main ring at approximately 1pm.

The show would not be complete without the enthusiasm of Whittington & Oswestry Young Farmer's Club.

Members organise a stock-judging competition prior to the show for other local young farmers clubs in the area. And on the day itself they have a busy schedule promoting the YFC movement by showcasing a selection of competitions in their marquee, inter club activities in their area throughout the day with a grand finale in the main arena with the YFC It's a Knockout Competition.

The day will then conclude with an after show dance in the pavilion.

Schedules for all livestock classes, small livestock, horticultural and young farmers' competi-

tions are now available from the new Show Office.

Reduced rate tickets will be on offer prior to the Show from:

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Amelia Wilkins with her Holstein called Nugget at last year's show.

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## Oswestry Show

Saturday 3rd August

Park Hall Showground

## Mountain sheep will return to the ring

IN keeping with its traditional agricultural links Oswestry Show is always proud to boast a popular array of classes for cattle, sheep, goats and rare breeds.

Judges will arrive from all corners of the British Isles to start judging at 8.30am which concludes with the spectacular parade of prize-winning animals in the main ring at 2.45pm.

With the numerous lines of sheep pens on view, visitors can enjoy learning the different breeds of sheep shown at Oswestry.

Fairly new to the show are the classes for the Kerry Hill & Zwartbles with a welcome return for the Welsh Mountain Pedigree Sheep.

No show would be complete without the horse section, the heavy horses look magnificent in all their finery, and in contrast the Shetlands attract more than an admiring glance.

Young riders from all over the county and beyond take part in the children's classes, with the mountain and moorland section becoming more and more popular.

Originating from over the border the Welsh Cobs and Welsh Mountain Ponies classes are always well supported.

## High-speed entertainment on offer at this year's show

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## HIGH speed entertainment will be on offer at this year's Oswestry Show.

Main ring entertainment has been sponsored by Pickstock Homes this year and the big attraction will be provided by Moto-Stunt International stunt team, who are making their first visit to Oswestry.

They are new to Oswestry Show and spectators can look forward to seeing the six-strong stunt team offering a unique combination of motorcycle, quad and specialist Suzuki jeeps performing high speed crossovers and trick riding including a ramp jump and fire quad leapfrog stunt.

The Motostunts International team performs 25 to 30 shows per year up and down the country.

The shows feature amazing motorcycle jumps, rides through blazing fire, and impressive jeep stunts including 'wheelies.' The team is always busy with new ideas for the show.

Nine-year-old Brandon Bailey already drives a Suzuki Jeep in the show, along with tricks on a motorcycle and a quad.

Daniel Buss, the team's "jump" man, has recently jumped 21 Suzuki Jeeps at a show at the Kent County Showground.

The team has performed all over the world, recently in Jakarta Indonesia, as well as on various TV programmes.

Melton Mowbray Toy Soldiers Marching



The Melton Mowbray Toy Soldiers who will entertain at the Oswestry Show this year.

Band also makes a welcome return.

The band, formed in 1936, welcomes members from the Melton Mowbray area aged from nine upwards.

Members are taught how to march, carry out drills with replica rifles and learn to play an instrument of their choice. Instruments

played include trumpets, euphoniums, saxophones, trombones, tenor horns, bell lyres, side drums, tenor drums, cymbals and bass drum.

Their display will consist of a combination of figure, counter and slow marching accompanied by popular tunes. Dressed in



The Moto-Stunt International team performs 25-30 shows per year and will be centre of attention at Oswestry Show this year.

## NEWS in brief

## New cups for top stands at event

TRADE stand space has been at an all time high, many local businesses enjoy their day at the show meeting new and old acquaintances.

Before retiring in May, Oswestry Town Mayor, Martin Bennett presented the society with two new cups for both the best stand in the Food Hall section and Business Marquee.

## Young handlers are encouraged

OSWESTRY Show likes to encourage youngsters to the showing world with classes for young handlers in the dairy and beef calf, lambs and Shire horse sections.

## Free park and ride

THE usual free park and ride service will be running from Oswestry Smithfield to the Showground every half hour on the day.

## Help is at hand

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## President is relishing his roaming role

**LONG** standing show committee member, Meredydd Hughes, has been elected as president for the 2013 show.

Meredydd, who farms at Chirk with wife Ann and son Robert, has been involved with the show for many years. He has been a past social committee chairman, helping to raise funds, as well as chief livestock steward.

This year he and Ann will visit the many different areas of the showground before hosting the president's lunch and presenting cups during the grand parade of livestock.

The president's cocktail party was held on Friday in the show pavilion. It has been held for many years where local farmers and businesses join together to look forward and celebrate the impending show.

"Being elected president is a great honour and I know that Ann and myself will have a very memorable day," said Mr Hughes.

"I have served on various committees connected with the show, was chief sheep steward for many years and have been a member of the show council for over 30

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years. Being involved with organising the show leaves little time to visit the many sections around the showground, this year I intend to see as many as possible.

"Earlier this year farmers and town's people endured some very extreme weather - let's hope that show day turns out to be a fine one, a day for friends, neighbours and visitors to enjoy what I believe to be the best one-day show around.

"Grateful thanks must go to the many businesses and private individuals who sponsor and support our show especially 'Pickstock Homes', our main sponsor.

"I wish Malcolm Roberts, our chairman success as he takes up his role and thank Phil Jones for his hard work over the last five years."

## Shearing on show



Sheep shearer Owain Lewis competing at last year's Oswestry Show. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

THE sheep shearing competition organised by Steve Butler was introduced to the show about five years ago and each year becomes more and more popular attracting top shearers from England and Wales.

Qualifying rounds are held throughout the day for each category, culminating in a grand finale where competitors shear as fast as they can while getting the fleeces off as tidily as possible.

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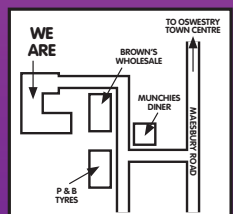
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## Society is full steam ahead with rides on day of show

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**OSWESTRY Model Engineering Society** will again be providing the public with rides on their quarter mile dual gauge track during the 2013 Oswestry Show.

This September the Oswestry Model Engineering Society will be celebrating its 25th year, having been founded in 1988 as a result of an evening class run by the late Mr Bob Morris, and welcome new members to help ensure engineering experience for the next generation.

The society has its own locomotive 'Oswald' built by the members. It is a free-lance narrow gauge engine and has been steamed at many local fetes and carnivals in the area over the years.

During the Oswestry Show members are supported by model engineering societies from other areas including Warrington, Wrexham, Shrewsbury and Mid Wales.

There will be live steam models and diesel engines from many of the pre-nationalised companies providing rides. The continued support of these visiting societies is greatly appreciated.

Take advantage of this unique miniature railway run on the show ground at Oswestry – probably the only permanent miniature railway track on a show ground in this country.

Membership to our society is open to all that pursue model engineering activities and automatic insurance is provided for all.

The society meets regularly on the second



Oswestry Model Engineering Society will again be providing the public with rides on their dual gauge track during the 2013 Oswestry Show.

Sunday in each month at the Oswestry Showground, where the raised track is situated. During the steaming season this may vary depending on the society's engagements.

Society has close associations with the societies of Newtown, Shrewsbury and Wrexham and reciprocal support has been enjoyed at exhibitions and other events.

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Church Lane  
St. Martins

£175,000



**NEW - NO CHAIN**



- A spacious and well positioned Detached Character Property in a private location
- This sympathetic conversion retains a host of original features
- Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Two Bedrooms (one en-suite), Bathroom
- Good size enclosed gardens and ample off-road parking and carport
- Double glazing and Gas central heating. EPC Rating E



**NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A well appointed Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property situated within walking distance of the town centre
- The property has a host of original features. Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room
- To the rear the property has a small yard and rear pedestrian access
- This property should be of interest to first time buyers and investment purchasers. EPC Rating



Oak Street  
Oswestry £84,995



**NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A well appointed and spacious Two Bedroom Leasehold Bungalow set on the popular Meadowbrook Court Retirement Complex
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Area, Kitchen, UPVC Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom including Walk-In Shower & Integral Single Garage
- Private courtyard style garden to the rear and is surrounded by spacious communal gardens.
- Awaiting EPC Rating



Meadowbrook Crt  
Gobowen £104,995

Hampton Road  
Oswestry

£445,000



**NEW**



- A spacious Detached Family Residence situated in a one of Oswestry's premier residential locations
- The property has been finished to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Garden Room, Utility & Cloak Room
- 4 Ensuite Bedrooms, 2 other Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Large Attic
- The property stands in well stocked landscaped gardens with a raised patio. Garage with tarmac driveway. Gas C/H. EPC Rating E



**NEW - NO CHAIN**

- A spacious and well located Detached 3 Bedroom property believed to date from the early 1900's
- The property requires some modernisation but benefits from a host of original features
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Excellent Bedrooms, Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Garden to rear, Gas C/H, part uPVC double glazing, single garage and driveway. EPC Rating F



Victoria Street  
Oswestry £145,000



**NO CHAIN**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a Grade II Listed Mill which has been sympathetically converted to create a spacious home. The property has excellent views over its own Mill Pond and countryside beyond
- Through careful design and craftsmanship the current owners have created spacious and modern living accommodation which preserves the character of this iconic building and retains a host of original features including a working water wheel and some of the original workings
- The property has picturesque gardens set around the extensive Mill Pond which provides an idyllic backdrop for this stunning property



Weston  
Nr Oswestry £395,000



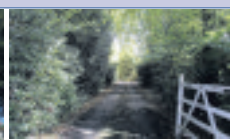
Oak Drive  
Oswestry £177,950

- A superbly appointed and fully improved Semi-Detached Dwelling House within a superior location convenient to the town centre of Oswestry
- The property has been extensively modernised throughout yet retains a host of original features and offers a superb opportunity to acquire a most comfortably appointed family house • Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with Bay, Living/Dining Room, Sun Conservatory, Superb Fitted Kitchen,
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom. Double glazing, Gas central heating. EPC Rating C



**NO CHAIN**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a fine Detached Late Victorian House offering well proportioned accommodation, set in mature gardens and grounds.
- Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room, Conservatory, Open plan Kitchen and Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom
- Separate WC, 5 Bedrooms, En-suite to Master Bedroom and Dressing Room to Bedroom 3 and Cellar. Gas C/H. EPC Rating F



Queens Road  
Oswestry £445,000



Whitfield Close  
Oswestry £164,995

- A well presented 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached property situated in an established residential location within the popular market town of Oswestry.
- The property has been extended by the current owners to create spacious living accommodation including: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Family/Utility Room.
- 4 Bedrooms (Master En-Suite) and Family Bathroom.
- The property also has a good sized garden, Integral Garage, uPVC Double Glazing and Gas fired Central Heating. EPC Rating D



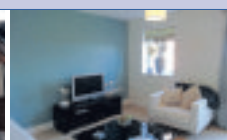
Belle Vue  
Morda £147,000

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi-Detached House in the Centre of the popular village of Morda being approximately one mile from Oswestry
- In immaculate order throughout, Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom. Gas Central Heating, double glazing, off-road parking, larger than average garage and space for caravan. EPC Rating C



West Place  
Gobowen £109,995

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property situated within an established residential area in the popular village of Gobowen
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Ample off-road parking and large rear garden
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D
- The property should be of interest to first time purchasers or investment buyers



Wat's Meadow  
Gobowen £0

- A mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes constructed by Fletcher Homes situated on the exclusive Wats Meadow development close to the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- The properties have been constructed to the highest of specification and have the benefit of a 10 Year NHBC Guarantee
- All properties have a minimum of parking spaces and or garage. Good size rear gardens
- \*\*\*HELP TO BUY SCHEME AVAILABLE ON THIS PROPERTY\*\*\*
- Showhomes open for viewings Thursdays to Mondays 11.00am to 5.00



Hengoed  
Nr Oswestry £435,000

- A beautifully presented & luxuriously appointed barn conversion with landscaped gardens
- Farmhouse Kitchen with Oil Fired Aga range, adjoining Dining Rm & Utility
- Drawing Rm has glazed panels to 1 elevation with views & smaller Living Rm
- Master Bedroom, En-suite & Guest Bedrm, 3 Beds & Family Bathrm
- Large well stocked garden to front, large parking area & Dble Garage Block
- Enclosed Patio area with views across open countryside. EPC Rating F

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### Moors Lane, St Martins



Enjoying a pleasant edge of village location in close proximity to the Shropshire Union Canal, a most individual period 3 storey residence which benefits from an extensive rear garden and detached barn with certificate of proposed lawful use or development for conversion to ancillary living accommodation which would provide annexe or residential/holiday let potential. The property offers spacious and flexible accommodation to include: Kitchen/Dining Room, Living Room, Ground Floor Shower Room, Cellar, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Second Floor Landing and 2/3 Further Bedrooms and WC, PVC Double Glazing, Ample parking provision and Garage. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £295,000

### Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochnant



A tastefully improved character country cottage which enjoys truly delightful countryside views. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Living Room with feature fireplace and exposed beams, Attractive Kitchen, Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Spacious Guest Bedroom Two enjoying far reaching views, Study, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off road parking and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £244,950



### Tetchill, Ellesmere

A truly spacious executive 4 bedroom detached bungalow which was constructed during 2007 enjoying a pleasant edge of village location within this select development with Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Brick paved driveway providing extensive parking provision, Double Garage and generous surrounding gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £319,950



### Valley View, Dolywern

Semi detached cottage which offers flexible accommodation and is offered for sale with No onward Chain Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Feature Kitchen/Family Room, Study, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Mezzanine/Sitting Room, Utility, Landing, 3 Bedrooms and Further Mezzanine currently utilised as a 4th Bedroom (Master), Oil Fired CH, Rear Courtyard. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £225,000



### Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog

Spacious 3 bedroom end terraced property which could also be suitable for a holiday retreat. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen, First Floor: Spacious Master Bedroom, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating and most delightful surrounding countryside views. EPC RATING E

Offers Over £135,000



### Pant, Nr Oswestry

4 bedroom split level detached family house which enjoys a delightful elevated position set in generous gardens. The property offers excellent road links via A483 with Driveway providing extensive parking with turning provision, Garage with automatic up and over door. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £259,950



### Malt Kiln Cottages, Whittington

Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character semi detached cottage to the market which is situated within the sought after village of Whittington. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge with feature fireplace, Attractive Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Car Port, Parking and Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £169,950



### Penybontfawr, Powys

THIS PLOT IS DUE FOR COMPLETION END OF JULY 2013 - EXCLUSIVE BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT OF JUST 4 EXECUTIVE DETACHED HOMES - 5 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful position within the picturesque village of Penybontfawr. The property will be finished to a high specification, offers a 10 year NHBC Guarantee. AWAITING EPC

Asking Price £395,000



### Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Split level detached residence which enjoys delightful views over the Shropshire plain and accommodation to comprise: Reception Hall, 3 Ground Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Cloakroom, Spacious L shaped Family Room/Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Balcony, Dining Room, Living Room, Master Bedroom with En-suite and Walk-in-Wardrobe, Study/Bedroom 5, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing extensive parking, Double Garage. Most attractively landscaped gardens. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in the Region of £355,000



### Wern, Llanymynech

WITH DELIGHTFUL COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS - Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this tastefully improved two bedroom detached stone cottage which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location with delightful landscaped gardens and views. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Spacious Living Room/Dining Room with feature fireplace, Garden Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby, Attractive Refitted Bathroom, First Floor Landing with Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms, Useful Outside Store presently utilised as a Utility, Driveway providing off-road parking, Workshop, Summerhouse/Garden Store and Solar Panels. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £189,950



### Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

A most beautifully presented and deceptively spacious 4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a popular residential locality and is well worthy of inspection with Gas First Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Alarm System, Brick paved driveway providing extensive off-road parking provision, Integral Garage and attractively landscaped rear garden. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £199,950



### West Street, Oswestry

Sympathetically improved by the present owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this character two bedroom and tenured town house to the market which enjoys a sought after residential locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Courtyard Gardens. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £113,950



### Wern, Weston Rhyn

A substantial 4 bedroom character detached family residence built circular 1803 which offers a wealth of character features with a separate Detached Garage which lends itself to conversion into a self contained apartment subject to the necessary consents. The property enjoys delightful mature gardens and grounds including a paddock to all approximately 1.5 acres or thereabouts. Truly a one off purchase! EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £599,950



### Treflach, Nr Oswestry

4 bed det oak framed village residence with luxury fitted Kitchen, impressive Living Room with feature vaulted ceiling and exposed stone fireplace, oil fired central heating incorporating underfloor heating to ground floor level, double glazing, driveway, attached double garage with first floor office and gardens. EPC RATING C

Price Guide £430,000



### Turners Lane, Llynclys

Elevated 3 bedroom split level detached country house situated near to Llynclys Common Nature Reserve and is set in 0.5 acres or thereabouts of mature cottage style gardens. Accommodation: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room with Balcony, L shaped Kitchen/Dining Room, Garden Room, Utility, Solar Room, Master Bedroom, Shower Room and Separate WC, Lower Ground Floor: Two Further Double Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated. Viewing MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Open to Offers £299,950



### Milars Field, Morda

Constructed during 2007 Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce to the market this most well appointed modern 3 bedroom semi detached property which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Double Glazing and Gardens. Remaining NHBC Guarantee. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in the Region of £152,500



### Treflach, Nr Oswestry

Bespoke 4 bedroom detached oak framed village residence with a separate 3 bedroom detached cottage which offers the potential for a holiday let or separate long term rental income. Any interested parties should view to appreciate the excellent accommodation on offer. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING C

Price Guide £650,000



### St Martins Road, Gobowen

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location and well planned accommodation to comprise: Large Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Dining Room, Living Room, Utility, First Floor Family Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Generous neatly landscaped gardens with delightful views over the village and countryside beyond, Double Garage and Parking. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Offers Over £300,000



### Pool Quay, Welshpool

Enjoying a delightful rural situation a well appointed 3 bed character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features and enjoys views over the adjoining countryside with well planned accommodation. The attached barn for conversion is also available to purchase, please ask a member of staff for further details. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents. EPC RATING D

Price Guide £270,000



### The Hollies, Church Lane, St Martins

A 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from an attached double garage and garden room extension (possible 4th bedroom or study). The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £229,995



### Treflach, Nr Oswestry

2 double bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location. The property briefly comprises: Spacious L shaped Hall, Living Room, Garden Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Lobby, WC, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway and Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £219,950



### Greenhill Bank, Criftons

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful rural position. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Bath in Shower Cubicle, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off street parking, Car Port and Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING E

Offers in the Region of £229,995



### Campbell Close, Oswestry

A 3 bed det. family house which benefits from a Garage, Carport and Conservatory. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Majority PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and Further Great Area suitable for Greenhouse/Storage. Neatly landscaped gardens to front, side and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £169,950



### Birch Grove, Ruyton-XI-Towns

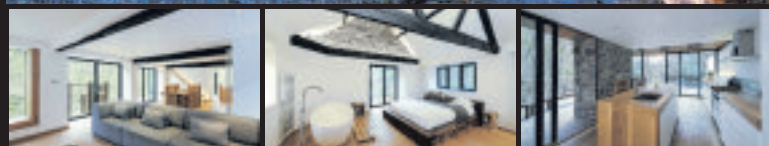
Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this spacious 3 bedroom first floor flat to the market which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location and briefly comprises: Lounge with open fire, Kitchen/Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Attractive Re-Fitted Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing where stated and Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £109,995

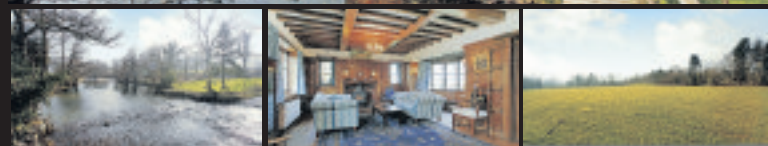


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**Llangollen****£675,000**

The DMD Group present this rare opportunity to acquire an immaculately restored 18th Century water mill with an extensive use of timber throughout the property which was a deliberate design concept to reflect the buildings original use as a working sawmill. The Mill occupies an idyllic rural position amongst 3 acres of terraced woodland. It features a landscaped garden and three peaceful woodland walks. Completing the setting, a tributary of the River Dee flows through the grounds forming a series of cascading waterfalls. EPC: C

**Welshpool: 01938 531006****Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, Powys****£625,000**

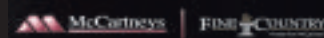
Located at the confluence of the Rivers Tanat and Rhaeadr sits Plas Tanat, a stunning Arts & Crafts country home with fishing rights on both rivers. In addition there are approximately 10 acres of gardens, good land and an Arboretum. The property offers immense character and flexibility. With additional sporting and fishing rights within 5 miles of the property this has to be a sporting man's paradise. EPC Rating: F

**Welshpool: 01938 531006**

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**Crickheath, Oswestry****£575,000**

Greystones is a substantial and spacious detached house in a rural location currently being run as a Five Gold Star Bed & Breakfast. The house has great flexibility in how the accommodation can be used, with plenty of space for a superb family home or to continue to be run as a B & B. The ground floor provides a large kitchen breakfast room and plenty of living space providing flexibility on how the accommodation can be used with the first floor having 5 bedrooms (3 with en-suites) and a family bathroom. EPC: E

**Welshpool: 01938 531006****Llanfair Caereinion****£795,000**

A splendid detached stone and brick 9 bedroom Victorian hall in an elevated position with views for miles across the Welsh hills. The house is approached by a 200 yard driveway through just under ten acres of grounds, including a bluebell wood with magnificent beeches and oaks and 2.5 acres of pasture. There is a very large open-plan storage or games area with potential for further development. The top floor has an additional three bedrooms, sitting room and bathroom. EPC: F

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# Halls



Russell Street, Cefn Mawr

Price: £199,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This deceptively spacious semi detached Victorian Villa sits prominently overlooking the Vale of Llangollen.

- Accommodation Over 4 Floors
- 3 Bedrooms & 2 Store Rooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Character & Charm
- Gardens
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Cae Eglwys, Llansilin

Price: £239,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This immaculate detached bungalow offers spacious accommodation and benefits from views to the countryside.

- 3 Bed Detached
- Lounge / Dining Room & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Trinity Close, Gobowen

Price: £149,950

**NEW**

A most well presented three bedroom semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac position in the popular village of Gobowen.

- 3 Bedroom (Master En-Suite)
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Parking For 3 Vehicles
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Rhydygaed, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant

Price: £460,000

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This Equestrian property can only be described overall as a 'Rural Idyll' situated in picturesque countryside with an abundance of bridle ways within close proximity.

- 3 Bed Detached Character Cottage
- 3 Reception Room
- Heated Swimming Pool
- Detached Stable Block
- 6 Acres Of Pasture Land
- Current EPC Rating F

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Eunant, Lake Vyrnwy

Price: £500,000

**NEW**

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- 7 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 4 Bathrooms / Shower Rooms
- 2 Detached Barns With Planning Permission
- Lovely Rural Setting Overlooking Lake Vyrnwy
- Grounds Extending To Approx. 1.5 Acres
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Golden Grove, Trefflach

Price: £425,000

**NEW**

A fine example of a detached country residence situated in a most sought after rural location with stunning open uninterrupted countryside views to all elevations. This property would be ideal for those who would like a country way of life yet within easy reach of excellent commuter links.

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- Mature South Facing Gardens
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



The Gables, Dovaston

Price: £375,000

**NEW**

This individual FIVE bedroom executive detached family home is situated in a semi rural location within a popular hamlet.

- 5 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Rose Cottage, Llanfechain

Price: £185,000

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This delightful detached country cottage is situated in a picturesque edge of village location.

- 2 Bedroom Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Elbridge, Ruyton XI Towns

Price: £169,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This semi detached rural home is situated in a most peaceful location down a quiet country lane.

- 3 Bedroom
- Countryside Views
- Cottage Gardens
- Dating Back to 1900s
- Parking
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Golfia Isaf Barn, Llangedwyn

Price: £399,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

An immaculate individual detached barn conversion situated in a most picturesque rural location tucked away from the passing lane. This stone barn formed part of the Llangedwyn Estates and is located in a delightful, private wooded location close to the Rivers Tanat & Cynllaith.

- Located in a delightful, private wooded location
- Close To Rivers Tanat & Cynllaith
- 3 Bed House & 1 Bed Annexe
- Character & Charm Throughout
- Secluded Position
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Tynycelyn, Cefn Canol

Price: £450,000

**NEW**

This four bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant rural location only a 10 minute drive from Oswestry Town.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Stands In 1.6 Acres
- Superb Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Ample Parking
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Winch House, Pant

Price: £375,000

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This attractive and unique detached family home offers spacious and adaptable accommodation with superb views across the Shropshire Plain and to the Breidden Hills.

- Located On A Quiet No Through Lane
- 3 Receptions & Conservatory
- 3 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- Landscaped Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Taranaki, Four Crosses

Price: £439,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This individual detached four bedroom family home offers spacious accommodation, two bedroom annex, double garage, workshop and 3/4 acre grounds.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite) House
- 2 Bedroom Annex
- Double Garage & Parking
- Located Down A Quiet Country Lane
- Open Countryside Views
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Belan, Llanfyllin

Price: £375,000

**NEW**

This detached family home offers spacious accommodation with detached barn and 6.1 acres of pasture land

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 2 Conservatories
- Detached Barn Offering 346 Sq Metres
- Solar Panels
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Overton Road, St Martins

Price: £199,500

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This detached three double bedroom bungalow has undergone a full scheme of renovation and now provides a most comfortable and spacious property.

- 3 Double Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Four Piece Bathroom
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £205,000

**NO CHAIN**

This extended detached family home offers spacious and adaptable accommodation which is warmed by gas fired central heating and the property benefits from double glazing.

- 4/5 Bedroom (Potential Annex)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Parking
- Gas CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

Price: £115,000

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

A most well appointed two bedroom retirement bungalow situated on a purpose built development offering additional care facilities if required.

- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Dining Area & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Private Garden & Communal Gardens
- Viewing Advised

Contact Oswestry



Linden Croft, Llanymynech

Price: Offers over £120,000

**NO CHAIN**

On an elevated plot, a three bedroom semi detached family home situated in an edge of village location with views to the Breidden Hills and Rodney's Pillar to the front and Llanymynech Hill to the rear.

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**Guide Price: £575,000**

3061



### Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloak lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £450,000**

2858



### Kerry, Newtown

A former stone barn superbly converted to provide a detached family home occupying an idyllic rural location. Large landscaped garden with summerhouse, ample parking, garage and annex, stable block, all weather turn out yard and paddocks. Utility, kitchen/dining room, drawing room, family bathroom, sitting room, three bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms. With Planning Permission for a ménage and with its location nestled close to a network of bridleways and quiet lanes, would make this an ideal equestrian smallholding. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £425,000**

2886



### Milford Road, Newtown

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached family house, with gas CH, uPVC DG, large double garage, ample parking, very large potential annexe suitable for a variety of purposes (subject to planning consent). Set in good sized landscaped gardens, it occupies an elevated position only one mile from the centre of Newtown and enjoying delightful views across the valley to the wooded hills. Porch, superb reception hall, two ground floor WCs, living room, dining room, study/family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, five double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. NO CHAIN. EPC Band: C

**Guide Price: £425,000**

3552



### Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/living area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £425,000**

2991



### Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800s renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Vymwy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £365,000**

3547



### WITH 3.75 ACRES

### Houghton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £350,000**

1962



### Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £349,950**



### Crickheath, Oswestry

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**Guide Price: £295,000**



### Meifod, Powys

An extremely spacious detached house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garaging, ample parking, gardens with balcony style patio enjoying wonderful elevated views. Hallway, large living room, kitchen/dining room, uPVC conservatory, three good size bedrooms, bathroom. On the lower level is a utility room, shower room with WC, three other rooms which currently comprise: bedroom, study and store room but this level could be converted subject to necessary consents into separate annexe. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £275,000**

3003



### Off Gungrog Road, Welshpool

A modernised and extremely spacious, five bedroom, semi-detached family house with three bath/shower rooms, partial gas CH, uPVC DG, extra large garage, two large attic rooms and very large rear garden with timber range of buildings. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position close to a wide range of local amenities and with walking distance of Welshpool town centre. Two reception halls, living room, kitchen/dining room, family room, ground floor shower room, split level landing, five bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, and two very large second floor attic rooms. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £239,000**

3126



### Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a family atmosphere and character features. Two lounge bar areas, games room (previously dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with parking for 20 cars, paddock which could be used as beer garden/camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, close to A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, it is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £225,000**



### NO CHAIN

### Stepaside, Newtown

An attractive spacious split level detached house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, very large lower level storage room/utility, garage, parking, delightful sloping terraced gardens with views, large chalet/workshop. Occupying a very pleasant position in this small village, less than two miles from Newtown centre. Hall, storage/utility area, large lower level master bedroom suite with dressing area and en-suite bathroom, upper level with two further bedrooms and family bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, large living room opening onto spacious first floor conservatory enjoying magnificent views. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £199,950**

3553



### NO CHAIN

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, two further bedrooms, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £175,000**

3131



### Pant, Shropshire

A delightfully located detached bungalow, having oil CH, uPVC DG, garage and large gardens enjoying delightful rooftop views to the rear towards Rodney's Pillar. It occupies a very pleasant position on the fringe of the village, which is easily accessible to Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury. Recessed entrance, reception hall, large living room/dining room, very large conservatory, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. The property also enjoys access via an adjacent bridle path to a nature reserve. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £174,000**

3082



### INSPECTION RECOMMENDED

### Queens Road, Oswestry

A well presented ground floor apartment, being part of a small select development of just 10 apartments, created from the conversion of the old Queens Park Girls School. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, well fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and separate bathroom. The property has CH, two private parking spaces, and is located in one of Oswestry's most sought after areas being within easy walking distance of both the town centre and local amenities. Vintage Machinery etc.

**Guide Price: £139,950**

3139



### THREE BEDROOMS

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £139,999**

2941



### BARNs FOR CONVERSION

A range of barns for conversion situated in the hamlet of Kyrnaston, approximately 13 miles north west of Shrewsbury. The barns are offered for sale as a whole, but the vendor may consider splitting the development. The site has PP for three units; one detached three bedroom conversion, one semi-detached four bedroom conversion with adjoining single storey one bedroom barn which potentially could be used as an ancillary unit or granny annexe to the larger barn. The site would be of interest to small developers or potentially private individuals. Small paddock available by separate negotiation.

**Guide Price: £250,000**

3542

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Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 1.45pm.

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**Lindsay Margaret**

The Funeral of Lindsay Margaret James took place at Christ Church, Rhydyroesau on April 18, followed by private Cremation. Lindsay's wish was that her Ashes be scattered in the garden she loved and where she had worked so hard.

The Rev. Canon David Crowhurst who had married Lindsay and David at Christ Church in 1994 and who also Baptised Tom in 1999 conducted the Service.

Lindsay was the Daughter of Beryl Richards (nee Gauge) and the late Graham Richards and Sister to Martin. She grew up in Maesbury, was educated at Maesbury County School and Oswestry Girls High School. Her ambition, from the her first days in school, had always been to teach and she did her Teacher Training at Cardiff University's School of Home Economics at Llandaff.

Lindsay's first teaching post was at Ham, Richmond Surrey. She came back to Oswestry to run the Home Economics Department at Oswestry College at the time comprehensive education came over to Oswestry.

After several years lecturing at Oswestry College she moved to the Administration side of education and based at the Shirehall in Shrewsbury she became involved in the training of School Governors throughout Shropshire. When Wrekin Unitary Authority came into being, Lindsay moved to Telford as an Educational Administrator and Regeneration Project Manager where she remained until she took early retirement in 2010.

Lindsay's effectiveness as an Education Administrator, Manager, Team Leader and motivator of people is evident in the enormous number of tributes received from former Colleagues for her forward thinking, planning, drive and ability to inspire people.

## JAMES

**Lindsay Margaret**

She organised the visits of Princess Diana, David Blunkett, Estelle Morris and The Queen as well as organising the launch of the New Unitary Authority in 1998. Lindsay was totally loyal to her Staff, her Colleagues and her Friends and was always kind and caring.

She was a wonderful cook, a very keen gardener and homemaker and also a great fan of Test Cricket and The Six Nations Rugby.

Lindsay's positive and very courageous attitude throughout her illness was an inspiration to all her Family and Friends.

Chief Mourners were David James, Husband. Tom James, Son. Beryl Richards, Mother. Martin and Brenda Richards, Brother and Sister-in-law. David and June Richards, Uncle and Aunt. Mrs Margaret Manning, Aunt. Nicholas Woodlock, Steven Richards and Tim Richards, Cousins. Also representing other members of the Family unable to attend. Mr and Mrs R W James, Parents-in-law.

Many Colleagues from Shropshire and Wrekin Education Authorities were present and a very large number of Friends and former Colleagues too numerous to mention individually, had come from many parts of the Country.

There were Family flowers only, donations were invited for Cancer Research UK and well over £2,000 has been received.

David and Tom, Beryl and Martin sincerely thank everyone for the many letters and cards they have received at this very sad time.

The wonderful tributes received have been a great comfort to us. Thanks are also extended to the members of Christ Church, Rhydyroesau for their great help and support in so many ways, including flowers for the Church and provision of the refreshments.

We also thank the Rev. Canon David Crowhurst for conducting the Service.

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## Rural dean to receive top church honour

THE rural dean of Oswestry will be given the title Prebendary of Sandiacre by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill, at a ceremony at Lichfield Cathedral in recognition of his long service within the diocese.

The Rev Adrian Bailey will be given the title Prebendary of Sandiacre by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill, at a ceremony at Lichfield Cathedral in recognition of his long service within the diocese.

In the past 22 years Mr Bailey completed his three-year curateship at St Oswald's Parish Church in the centre of Oswestry, served as a parish vicar and the town centre minister in Burton-on-Trent, and he moved back to Shropshire as the vicar of Gobowen.

He is also the chaplain to Oswestry orthopaedic hospital and priest in charge of Selattyn and Henged with Gobowen.

He said: "Personally it's an honour. It's the church's equivalent of an MBE. I think it's very kind of them to consider me."

"In a practical day-to-day basis it won't make much difference. It means I can preach once a year at the cathedral and attend occasional meetings about the running of the cathedral."

Mr Bailey, 56, joined the ministry in 1991. He will receive the title in September.

# Lack of bus service 'leaves residents housebound'

**MORE than 60 elderly and disabled residents are unable to visit Oswestry's markets and shops because they have no bus service, it has been claimed.**

During the town council's markets and car parks committee meeting members heard that a lack of public transport was leaving the residents of Abraham Court sheltered accommodation complex in Lutton Close housebound.

Councillor Paul Milner told the meeting that residents would like to be able to go shopping in the town centre if a bus service could be provided.

by Pam Griffin

## Grants attract bids of £575k

AN £80,000 community grants offer from Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon attracted bids totalling more than £575,000.

About 140 applications for grant assistance of up to £5,000 were received from police officers and staff for the first round of the new Commissioner's Fund.

The projects, initiatives and schemes to receive grants from the first round will be announced towards the end of August.

Mr Salmon said: "The response to this first round of funding was incredible; officers and staff clearly support or help deliver a wide range of initiatives. It's a shame that so many excellent ideas will miss out in this round - unfortunately we have limited funds; they may be successful in round two which we plan to launch towards the end of this year. In the meantime, I'm delighted that our initial £80,000 will be shared out across the region to help improve the lives of the people in our communities."

"I don't think it's fair that there are people who pay the same council tax as someone the other side of town and they can't get a bus and can't go out of their homes because of this," he said.

"A bus service that did drop off closer to the market would be good for disabled people and for the residents because the nearest stop at the moment is actually further down the road and some walk away."

Councillor Sandy Best said the residents should look at other options, including Shropshire Link and Dial-a-ride, to get into the town in the short term.

### Changes

And Councillor Martin Bennett warned that any changes to existing bus routes could mean less frequent services or other parts of the town being missed out.

Before the meeting, David Preston, Oswestry town council clerk, wrote to Shropshire Council's passenger transport team to ask if local bus services could be diverted on market days to drop customers off near to the market.

The town council has received a reply from Shropshire Council's highways and transport planning commissioner (North) Matt Johnson saying that he would be happy to look at the routing of any new services, such as those likely to be introduced following development on the town's Smithfield livestock market site, when they were closer to being introduced.

## Chris masters his qualification



Chris Luther has gained an MA in Chester University's Masters Programme, delivered at The Marches School.

MATHS teacher Chris Luther has gained an MA in Chester University's Masters Programme, delivered at The Marches School.

Mr Luther has been studying for his MA, whilst working full time as a teacher and house leader.

Delivered through the Training School, students studying the MA receive e-mail and phone support, face-to-face local delivery, as well as the use of Chester University's resources and library.

Kate Aspinall, business development offi-

cer at Marches Training, said: "Local delivery of the Masters course allows teachers in Shropshire schools to study, after work, with other professionals, in a way which allows them to link what they learn, directly to how they teach."

"Teaching is increasingly becoming a Masters Level profession, as more and more teachers realise that in order to get promotion and increase employment chances, studying for an MA is required as part of their professional development."

## NEWS

in brief

### Free workshop for apple celebrations

OSWESTRY Library will celebrate the humble apple in the autumn and will start to make preparations with a free workshop this month.

Throughout October there will be an exhibition in the library, of textile art inspired by and celebrating apples.

Librarian Debbie Marais said: "To help get people started we are holding a free workshop at the library on July 27 from 10am until noon with local embroidery and quilting tutor Melanie Barnes."

"Melanie will be helping people to move from an initial idea to a textile design with some ideas for fabrics and embroidery stitches to incorporate them into their piece. Bring along your sketchbook and sources of inspiration."

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### Rural affairs ace to speak in town

HEATHER Fenton, officer for rural affairs from the St Asaph Diocese of the Church in Wales, will be in the social room of Llanfyllin Community Centre on July 29 from 11am to talk to people and discuss rural affairs, including transport and employment.

She would like to meet and talk to as many people from the local area as she can during her visit.

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**Warning  
as jogger  
attacked  
by bird**

RUNNERS and cyclists in an area of north Shropshire are being urged to be on guard against attack – from above.

The warning comes after Carl Peacock found himself being dive-bombed by a buzzard while jogging near Ellesmere this week.

And today he urged people to take extra care when running or cycling along the Hordley to Tetchill road.

Mr Peacock, 40, from Ellesmere, said: "I was on the Tetchill straight when I saw a buzzard circling and crying.

"As I neared one of the large trees on the roadside it swooped down and tried to warn me off.

"Its cries got louder and suddenly it came plummeting down with its claws outstretched.

"The sight of the huge bird inches away from me was awesome yet pretty frightening at the same time.

"I reacted instinctively and batted out with my water bottle.

"I caught the buzzard on the side, it wobbled off balance for a second then flew off."

Mr Peacock, who is training for a 45-mile cross Wales endurance event, said it was only luck and the hot weather that meant he had a bottle with him.

# Singer Ally hitting right note as tracks win radio play time

**MUSICAL success doesn't always come easy, but jazz singer/songwriter Ally Kemp is enjoying life in the spotlight after gaining airplay time on national and local radio.**

Ally, from Oswestry, started singing freestyle at the age of four while busking with her musician father on trains in the West Country. And the love performing grew as Ally then began writing songs and performing first at open mic nights and then attracting her own bookings. But she admitted her way of writing is somewhat unusual.

"I have a unique ability I think to write a song with melody and lyrics on the fly. In fact, most of my recorded songs begin in this way," she said. "I would say my music is jazz laced with a tinge of blues/folk and a hint of the unexpected."

Last year she teamed-up with Nigel Mervyn, of Llanfyllin-based music production company ScorpioSongs, to start work on a new album.

He said: "When I first met Ally, and she sang and played guitar to me, she took me on a mood journey and captured an atmosphere with her dark, caramel, jazzy voice. There was also an honesty and passion, and something totally 'herself' about Ally's voice.

"There's a timeless quality to Ally's music, somehow reminiscent of a time and place way back when, but sounding contemporary and fresh."

While Ally is busy in the studio working on her debut album, due for release at the end of this year, her music is quickly catching on with fans and radio professionals.

And this month, having released six tracks as a result of her work with ScorpioSongs, her acoustic track *The Strangers You Know* has been played on BBC local radio as the BBC Introducing show's song of the month.

BBC Introducing DJs Rob Fanner, Josh Withey and Sam Fleet described her records as "just smooth, very smooth" with *Reach For The Universe* praised as being "atmospheric" and "sensual".

## WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Pam  
Griffin



Before the local radio exposure this month, Ally made her radio debut on Alyn Shipton's Jazz Record Requests show, broadcast on BBC Radio 3, when Alyn presented Ally alongside a selection of listener's jazz choices.

And her music has reached other mainstream broadcast channels as well including Jazz FM, where she was described as the "new British talent discovery".

But despite her spreading fame, Ally has not forgotten where she started and is very involved in the local music scene, performing and hosting jazz open mic evenings. She has played in numerous bands and recently had a spell as guitarist and singer in a large salsa/latino group.

"Having *The Strangers You Know* made record of the month for BBC Shropshire Radio, as an artist, made me feel acknowledged and very proud," said Ally.

"Along with life's events my inspiration comes from the people I listened to when I was young. Fats Domino, Sarah Vaughan,



Ally Kemp, left, with her band.

Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and Elvis. For me, they were real and very magical.

"Today, I feel we have lost this raw individualism and freedom of expression. People worry too much about what others think of them, instead of creating something from the heart," she added.

"I am fluid, play and sing on an emotional level. Singing jazz since I was small has helped with my freedom of expression.

Sometimes when I sing live I add extra verses into my songs usually made up on the fly, nothing is really set and thankfully I

work with a group of talented musicians who are similar and lock onto this way of performing.

"This keeps the performance fresh, alive, while adding sprinkles of excitement which the audience picks up on."

● Ally will be appearing at The Ironworks in Oswestry on November 9 where she will be supporting The Gregory S Davies Band. To listen to Ally's music, including *The Strangers You Know*, visit [www.allykemp.com](http://www.allykemp.com). Her songs are available to download from [www.cdbaby.com/cd/allykemp6](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/allykemp6)



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# Pair hit on winning formula for long-range renovation

by Joseph Masi

THE stress of organising a massive property renovation project while living hundreds of miles away would put most couples to the test, but the pair taking on such a challenge in St Martins seemed to have a hit on a winning formula – letting the lady make the decisions.

Uber-organised Alex Glenn and laid-back Martin Boakes featured in the opening episode of BBC Two's new series of *Restoration Home* last week.

It focused on their efforts in turning a dilapidated north Shropshire farmhouse into their dream home in just six months – a time-frame that proved to be overly optimistic.

## Collapse

Rock Farm in St Martins, near Oswestry, was only a couple of years away from potential collapse before being taken on by Alex and Martin.

The pair commuted from Bedfordshire as they attempted to complete their hugely ambitious plans for the Grade II-listed Georgian farmhouse, with a renovation that began early last year.

As they faced a variety of challenges and setbacks which saw the project run over time and over budget, Alex and Martin were spending months living out of hotels.

The couple managed to remain upbeat as problems with crumbling chimneys, rotten woodwork and wrongly-sized windows stacked up.

Their grand project was put to the test by a five-week delay caused by a miscommunication about the special replacement windows for the listed farmhouse.



Rock Farm, St Martins, before the work began.

But the pair managed to make it through with an apparent minimum of tension between them, thanks to a combination of Alex's perpetual optimism and Martin's calm approach.

Martin was happy to take a back seat on the plans for the home, with Alex's 'mood boards' driving the vision for the restored building.

The only room he asked to choose the decor for was his study, but even then he was given some 'assistance' with selecting the wallpaper.

But by the end of the show, and despite running around £30,000 over budget due to various delays and challenges, the pair were left with a truly beautiful home which they had helped to save through determination against the odds.

While their labour of love was unfolding, there was also plenty for local history buffs to enjoy about the programme.

## Uncover

The show's architectural and historical experts hit the archives to try and discover more about the property's background.

Their efforts to uncover more about the property's past began to bear fruit as intriguing information came to light about the building's former owners – the Edwards farming family who helped establish a school in nearby Dudleston.

But it turned out the Georgian farmhouse was not even the most historically important building in the grounds.

Instead it was the rather-ignored barn to the left of the main house that turned out to be a somewhat unlikely jewel in the crown.

Research discovered the building dated back to the 15th century and was likely to have been

the kitchen block attached to a country house in the grounds.

The couple were thrilled as they were told the building is one of the best examples of a 15th century building in the country, making it a site of national importance.

But after all their efforts, the twist in the tale came at the end of the show as it was revealed the barn would soon be in need of its own restoration project.

Martin said: "If we leave it, it will fall down. We are going to do it again." Better get those mood boards out again, Alex...



Owners Alex Glenn and Martin Boakes at the house.



The couple's dream home takes shape inside.

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**Students pass their A levels two years early**

TWO students from The Marches School in Oswestry have completed a full A Level course in Product Design Textiles – two years earlier than expected.

Gary Garry and Victoria Powell, both aged 16, completed the course during Years 10 and 11, two years ahead of the age recommended by the exam board AQA.

Rachel Metcalfe, leader of textiles at the school, said: "The students have worked extremely hard over the past two years completing work to a very high standard."

"I am extremely proud of their achievements and I have been privileged to teach such talented, creative and inspirational students."

The course consists of 60 per cent exam and 40 per cent coursework.

During the course, Gary and Victoria completed practical work on a range of products including bags, gloves, head dresses and scarves, each were inspired by themes such as the 60s and the Art Deco movement.

Both students are now waiting for their exam results.

**Owens hailed as UK's happiest**

by Toby Neal

**THE Owens of Oswestry were making national headlines back in July 1988. But were they happy about it?**

Well, yes, they were – because they were officially being hailed as the happiest family in Britain.

At the award ceremony in London's Savoy Hotel the Owens heard they had beaten strong competition from all over the country to take the title.

But after receiving the award they admitted: "We're not perfect."

Jeff and Mary Owen and their three children received the award at the ceremony and then told of the minor niggles in their happy home.

"Jeff squeezes the toothpaste in the middle and is terribly untidy, like most men," said Mrs Owen.

**Insisted**

But her husband hit back, saying: "Mary wants everything done super-double-quick. If she fancies a room repapered she will start tearing off the old stuff so that I've got to do it."

The family, including children David (16), Sara (15), and Karen (12), who lived at Drenedydd, Park Hall, put their win in the Sealink British Ferries contest down to fishing.

Keen angler Jeff taught the entire family to fish after his wife insisted she did not want to become an angling widow.

Their prize 25 years ago included tickets for a trip to Cherbourg as well as a Happiest Family trophy.

Presenting the award Mr Paul Kuhn, commercial manager of Sealink's western channel routes, said: "The Owens are a marvellous example of that old adage – the family that plays



Happy days – Jeff and Mary Owen with children David, Sara and Karen.

together stays together. It may sound corny but it's true."

Family friend Jackie Taylor, who

nominated the Owens for the awards, said at the time: "They're always doing things for each other. The Owens radi-

ate such warmth and harmony that everyone who meets them is caught up in their happiness." So, if the Owens

are still out there, we would love to hear from you and how things have shaped up over the last 25 years.

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## FEATURE &amp; NEWS

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## Sporting star to be guest of honour

BRITISH Basketball League star Shawn Myers will be the guest of honour at a National Playday event to be held in Gobowen, near Oswestry, on August 7.

The day for families and young people has been organised by Gobowen's Green Room Youth Project committee, and will take place between 1pm and 4pm.

Cheshire Phoenix player Shawn Myers will open the event and stay around during the day to chat to visitors. Trinidad-born Shawn is currently working with team mates to introduce Hoopstars anti-bullying roadshows to schools.

Green Room Youth Project chairman Paul Drury said: "The youth sessions have gone from strength to strength since our first Playday event in 2011. Shawn heard about the weekly sessions we do and he has offered to help us in closed season. Having such a high profile player willing to run basketball tuition is a fantastic opportunity to inspire our young people to aim high in more ways than one."

"The Playday Activity is part of our Awards For All funded project that finishes in September and demonstrates how the local organisation work together."

For further information or to take part in the event contact Sian on (01691) 659891.

# Summer season of concerts starring the grasshoppers

WHEN writing a weekly column on wildlife, it is sometimes a challenge to seek-out and research your chosen subject.

Mammals are unpredictable in their movements, largely shy and often secretive. Any bird other than the garden variety can also be the same. Fish and amphibians can only be reliably sought out at specific times of the year and reptiles are perhaps the hardest of the lot. My advice; insects. And there is one group of insects in particular which is synonymous with summer: the Orthoptera.

Members of the Orthoptera family are probably the easiest animals to find whilst just wandering through any field you care to mention for they are found in abundance here in North Shropshire. Hot days bring the restful sound of their calling ('stridulating') from the long grass, as the males advertise their territories. Although they may be initially difficult to spot due to their green or brown colour, they soon hop to reveal themselves if disturbed giving not only their position away, but their name too; grasshoppers.

In fact we have several 'grasshopper-like' insect groups in the county; grasshoppers, groundhoppers, bush crickets and true crickets. Grasshoppers feed on plants and can be told apart from crickets by their shorter, stubby antennae.

## Delicate

They are also usually larger and prefer to fly and jump away from danger, whereas crickets will often walk. Groundhoppers feed on moss and algae and don't have long forewings like grasshoppers.

Bush crickets have thin, delicate antennae that can be longer than their bodies and are more active at night than grasshoppers. Some female crickets have a particularly fearsome looking ovipositor which may appear as a sting but in actual fact is nothing more than an egg laying tube.

Grasshoppers 'sing' by rubbing a row of pegs on their legs against their wings whereas crickets sing by rubbing their wings

## ON THE WILD SIDE with Ben Waddams



together. But what's the use in making noise if you don't have ears on the side of your head?

The answer; have ears on the side of your bottom instead!

Or as crickets prefer, ear-like sensors on their front legs.

You can create a similar effect by stroking the teeth of a comb against the edge of a piece of cardboard whereby you may encourage the local Orthoptera population to reply.

It is possible to tell the species apart with a decent guidebook however experts are able to identify different species of grasshopper by the sounds they make.

How so? Well each species has a slightly different arrangement of pegs on their legs. These minute changes in peg-arrangement result in a slightly different noise being emitted.

The sound each species makes therefore, is unique and a true expert doesn't even need to disturb the grass before them, in order to see the culprits.



It's a good time to spot the common field grasshopper.

Now is the very best time to see and hear our Orthoptera. Grasshoppers lay their eggs in dry soil and the nymphs emerge from it around April or May the following year.

There is no pupa or chrysalis stage in their life cycle; they simply grow, and molt several times until they reach adult size around July. The adults can survive until November, but usually die off when the win-

ter weather sets in. However with a full summer season of concerts and audible shows to wow their mates and impress other species besides, to me they certainly appear to give themselves a glorious send-off.

Ben's artwork can be seen in the Gallery Tearooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

## NEWS in brief

### Residents thanked for funds support

THE organisers of the Christian Aid collection in Whittington, near Oswestry, have thanked residents for their support in raising £1,480.64.

The total is the third highest amount collected in the past six years, and more than half was gift aided, meaning the total will increase because the charity can reclaim tax from the Government.

Anne Ward, one of the organisers, said: "The number of collectors available this year was lower than in previous years which is why the effort of those who went out is truly amazing, along with the continued generosity of the people of Whittington in what continues to be very difficult economic circumstances."

"Thank you so much to all the collectors for their hard work and thank you so much to all those living on the roads where a collection was made."

### Man's mountain bike is stolen

A MAN'S black Giant mountain bike has been stolen from the railings next to the public toilets at the end of the dam at Lake Vyrnwy.

The theft happened some time between 6pm and 9pm on July 15. The bike was secured using a chain and padlock.

Anyone with information should call 101.

## Advertisement Feature

# How Esthetique Dental are helping to promote better oral health in young children

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"Both Emily and I have many years of experience in dealing with nervous patients. We have found that the best way of building a mutual trust is to see patients on a regular basis and give them

the time they need for appointments. This way, visits to see us start to become less traumatic."

"We have been working hard since we opened the doors of Esthetique Dental to try and encourage children to come and see us on a regular basis and learn from a young age about the importance of good oral health."

"Emily has visited pre-school groups and local Beavers groups to talk to them about how they brush their teeth and what foods can cause them problems. These have proven to be both popular and fun—whilst delivering an important message."

"In order to promote this further I am

delighted to let our patients know of a new offer to Parents and Carers: If they are registered with us on Denplan Care, we will see their children for free up to the age of 16. We believe this will really help with encouraging them to attend the practice and ensure that all the family receive the best possible level of General Dentistry."

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## GIG GUIDE

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### Schedule of live music includes a talented duo

#### GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



**AFTER a hectic schedule of music last week it's relatively quiet over the next few days, but don't worry it's not completely bereft of entertainment as there are still a few shows worth your time.**

The main pick this week are talented duo Paul Wallis and Sam Newth, who will be playing at the Lowfield Inn, Marton, on Friday night.

Paul Wallis is one of the most talented blues guitarists in the Shropshire area and his unique playing style conjures up the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Mark Knopfler. Equipped with his vintage Fender Stratocaster he manages to draw out the emotion from every note.

Sam Newth handles the rhythm duties with his acoustic guitar, complementing Paul's playing with simple but effective riffs. Both members are versatile vocalists, being able to handle a variety of classic covers.

You can expect a diverse set as well as some great musicianship, so don't miss out. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

On Saturday The Ironworks will



Sam Newth and Paul Wallis.

be holding a special drum and bass night. The event will be headlined by Link and will also feature sets by Young Guns, Psychotic Beats and Digital Terror, to name a few. The show kicks off at 8pm and is £3 entry, which includes a free shot. The event will also be streamed on [www.globaldnh.com](http://www.globaldnh.com)

On Tuesday night The Ironworks will be holding its weekly open mic night - Limelight.

Limelight isn't just focused on music, as it gives you the opportunity to take the stage whatever your talent, whether it's poetry, singing or comedy. As per usual the night will be presented by resident host Tom Stedman. It starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Next Wednesday The Ironworks will

be holding another People's Vinyl Collective. For those of you unfamiliar with the event, it gives you the opportunity to bring along five of your favourite vinyls and become the DJ. The night is hosted by Eclectic's Neil Phillips. It starts at 9pm and is free entry.

On Wednesday, The Golden Lion, in Llanymynech, will be holding its monthly jazz night.

Any and all are welcome to come along, you can just plug into the PA system and play.

You can expect a fun and relaxed atmosphere, so if you sing, play an instrument or just enjoy listening to jazz then head along.

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## THE ARTS

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# Series of art workshops at town's Willow Gallery

## Visitors join in at event

by Pam Griffin

**CHILDREN** wanting something crafty to do during the summer holidays are invited to drop into the Willow Gallery in Oswestry for a series of art workshops.

The workshops will be launched on Friday and Saturday with The Big Paint, Print and Sew from 11am to 1pm.

Tereska Shepherd, one of the artists who will be involved with the workshops, said: "This is an exciting opportunity for young people to pop into the Willow Gallery to have fun experimenting with a variety of techniques to create their own unique artwork to be exhibited as part of gallery's Big Paint, Print & Sew panel. This panel will depict Oswestry and the surrounding area and will be exhibited throughout July and August."

After this, workshops are on Wednesdays and Fridays through the school holidays with activities ranging from miniature theatre making, puppet making and putting on a puppet show, to making Victorian cameos, crazy collages, and a movie.

The sessions are open to children aged six to 12 and cost £6 including materials.

Contact the gallery on (01691) 657575 for more information or to book a place.

## Advice for artists

A WORKSHOP for artists based in north Shropshire is being held at Qube Gallery, on Oswald Road, Oswestry on Wednesday at 6.30pm, which will look at promotion opportunities through press releases.

Within the workshop the do's and don'ts of writing good press releases to get published will be discussed.

The workshop costs £5. Call Tonia at Qube on 01691 656882 or e-mail [info@qube-oc.a.org.uk](mailto:info@qube-oc.a.org.uk)



THE Willow Gallery on Willow Street, in Oswestry, held a workshop on Saturday where visitors could try their hand at wood-carving and felt-making. Felt maker Sue Mulcock from Shrewsbury is pictured with some of her artwork.



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## Motoring

# Plenty of style, but ADAM just fails to make A-grade

**Drive time**  
with Graham Breeze



**IF YOU** fall into the style conscious bracket and need a car that offers unprecedented levels of personalisation Vauxhall's new city car ADAM could be up your street.

The all-new ADAM has been getting mixed reviews but it does offer A-segment customers the chance to create a really bespoke option.

And ADAM has scooped the best interior design in a production car award at the Automotive Interiors EXPO 2013, beating stiff competition from the Alfa 4C, Jaguar F-Type, Renault Clio and the new Range Rover.

The tiny lifestyle car offers endless combinations for interior-styling and is Vauxhall's first entrant into a segment which has grown by 30 per cent since 2000.

Personalisation begins with the selection of one of three trim levels – JAM, GLAM and SLAM.

The next level of customisation comes with the addition of option packs, and from here the possibilities are endless, with the choice of 12 body colours, 15 seat designs, 20 alloy wheel styles, three printed headliners and no less than 18 interior décor panels.

The little Vauxhall also benefits from much higher levels of technology than in many competitors including IntelliLink, a new infotainment system which integrates the driver's smart phone and makes internet based applications available on the fascia mounted touch screen.



ADAM goes to the top of the class when it comes to stylish looks



The distinctive ADAM badge stands out



Vauxhall's city car is packed with gadgets and gizmos

Other features include a new-generation Park Assist that automatically parks the car, a Side Blind Spot Alert and a power steering system including a 'light touch' CITY mode.

The ADAM gets top marks for appearance and gizmo packs but looks don't mean everything and the ride is too firm, handling isn't assured and while the driving position is good, with loads of adjustment, you wouldn't want to travel far as a rear seat passenger.

Boot space is also poor and get nowhere near the golf club test, would disappoint the busy shopper and compares badly against the opposition.

Steering on the GLAM 1.4i on test was responsive at low speeds but there was a bit too much rear-end twitching in bends for my liking and low gearing meant plenty of noise at high speed.

All ADAMS come with stability control and six airbags, two in the front, two at the side and a pair of curtain 'bags, ESP and ABS.

You get air-con, Bluetooth, a DAB radio as standard, steering wheel mounted audio controls, cruise control and trip computer.

The on-the-road price of the test model was £13,270 but IntelliLink costs an extra £275, paintwork £250, leather pack £900, 17inch alloy

wheels £400, a multi-coloured interior light pack £125, tyre pressure monitoring £200 and floor mats £50 which pushes the cost up to £15,470 – a lot of money for such a small car.

A start-stop system helps the ADAM produce 55.4mpg on the combined cycle and you can get 0-62mph in 12.5secs and a top speed of 109mph – though I wouldn't recommend traveling at that speed in this model.

There's probably enough people out there who will be tempted by the individual design aspects of this model to keep Vauxhall happy and the company does need to compete in the A-segment.

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# Motoring

# Torneo is big hitter in versatility league

## Ford's new baby can switch from a van into an eight-seat people carrier

**People carriers have come a long way in a relatively short time, from hastily converted vans to luxury transport in their own right.**

I don't think I can claim to know the inventor of this class of car, but I did have a favourite uncle who owned a country garage in the 1950s, who converted his Austin van by adding rear seats and windows.

The result? One economical vehicle instead of two for work and family needs.

Ford's new Torneo may look rather like a Transit van from the outside, but here appearances can be deceptive. In fact it can carry between two and nine people with all their luggage in car-like comfort, and with the same safety and economy.

The short wheelbase version tested, which costs £26,345, was the eight-seat option.

Side steps and two large sliding doors give access to the six seats, in two rows of three in the rear.

The newly-designed seats provide the sort of passenger room you expect from a luxury limo, but they can be easily folded or removed altogether for ultimate flexibility for luggage or awkward loads.

There's a wide-opening rear tailgate which is glazed and includes a wash/wipe system.

Apart from the business/family user, the Torneo's versatility is likely to make it popular with the outdoor type – carrying bikes, riders and their camping gear, for example. It will be a hit with taxi and minibus operators, too.

The rear passenger and load areas are, of course, carpeted, plus there are sun blinds and individual air conditioning outlets, as well as map-reading lights and theatre-style dimming courtesy lights. The Torneo is powered by a 2.2 litre turbo diesel with 153bhp and a hefty 365Nm of torque which performs smoothly and quietly. It's also capable of averaging better than 43mpg. There's a six-speed gearbox, operated by

a short-throw, slick lever mounted on a pod just at the driver's fingertips. The driver also gets a heated seat, leather steering wheel and a stereo with Ford's SYNC system, for voice-activation of the audio and hands-free phone systems.

Rain-sensing wipers, automatic headlights, electrically adjustable and heated mirrors, a cruise control and speed limiter also make things easier behind the wheel.

From the driver's point of view the Torneo's size is well-disguised. It doesn't feel any larger or more cumbersome than an average family car. Good brakes and sharper steering also contribute to its user-friendly nature.

The driving position is high for excellent visibility, it's comfortable and the controls are light and well positioned.

There are parking sensors to give you audible warnings in a tight spot.

I tested the Torneo solo, which from experience isn't the best way to sample the ride quality.

By their very nature such vehicles are designed to carry much more than the average car load so the suspension can seem a bit firm. It isn't harsh, but I'm sure the ride gets better with a bit of weight on board.

The vehicle has an electronic stability system, plus front, side and curtain airbags which helped it to become the first in its class ever to be awarded a maximum five stars in the EuroNCAP crash safety tests.

Apart from the two seating options (eight or nine) there is also a long wheelbase Torneo, with even more load space behind the third row of seats.

This latest version is even bigger than its predecessor, with masses of head, leg and shoulder room no matter where you're sitting. If space is what you need the Torneo is the big hitter, with more seats and cargo room than competitors based on car platforms: it's nearest rival is perhaps the Volkswagen Caravelle. This latest version is also a convincing alternative in terms of comfort and driveability, too.

### At a glance

#### Ford Torneo Custom

**Engine:** 2.2 litre turbo diesel with 155PS of power and 365Nm of torque driving the front wheels through a six-speed gearbox.

**Performance:** figures not available.

**Economy:** urban 38.7mpg; country 46.3mpg; average 43.5mpg.

**CO2 emissions:** 172g/m.

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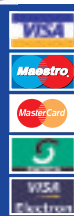
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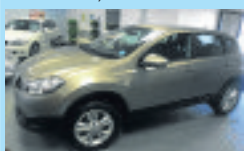
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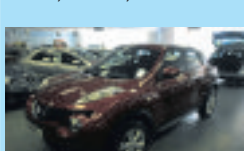
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SPORT

League tables

Oswestry Bowling

League

DIVISION 1

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon A	15	10	5	0+217	83
Johnstown A	15	9	4	2+250	92
Chirk AAA A	15	10	5	0+242	89
Ceiriog Valley A	15	8	7	0+184	88
Chirk A	15	9	6	0+176	88
Whittington A	15	8	7	0+137	84
Flexyas A	15	8	7	0+151	75
Corwen A	15	8	7	0+151	75
Church A	15	9	1	+2	69
Llanymynech A	15	4	10	1-433	51
Weston Rhyn A	15	4	10	1-433	51
Overton A	15	12	1	1-385	45

DIVISION 2

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Johnstown B	15	9	6	0+208	87
Llanrhaeadr A	15	8	7	0+187	87
Cynydd A	15	9	5	1+114	87
Ceiriog Valley B	15	10	5	0+163	86
Church B	15	8	6	1-55	81
Ye Olde Crofte A	15	7	7	1+101	80
Llanymynech B	15	7	7	1-39	72
Black Lion	15	9	1	-75	68
Johnstown B	15	8	7	0+162	87
Johnstown D	15	5	8	2-175	62
Whittington B	15	10	0	-329	53

DIVISION 3

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Critfins B	15	11	4	0+485	102
Critfins C	15	8	5	2+287	88
Church C	15	9	6	0+30	79
Chirk AAA B	15	9	5	1+30	78
Plas Kynaston A	15	8	6	1+31	77
Royston A	15	8	7	0+173	74
Ceiriog Valley B	15	10	0	-11	71
Whittington E	15	7	8	0-22	71
Weston Rhyn C	15	8	7	0-97	71
Flexyas B	15	9	1	1-265	68
Overton B	15	5	10	1-124	66
Llangollen B	15	4	10	1-298	55

DIVISION 4

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	15	13	2	0+628	113
Ellesmere B	15	10	5	0+624	103
Fox Lane	15	10	5	0+251	92
Llanymynech B	15	9	6	0+26	81
Corwen B	15	8	7	0+109	80
Llanrhaeadr C	15	7	8	0+85	76
Ceiriog Valley C	15	7	8	0-77	72
Llangynog C	15	8	7	0-169	69
Weston Rhyn B	15	9	0	0-254	62
Llanfyllin A	15	10	0	-249	60
Church D	15	5	10	0-296	53
Whittington C	15	13	0	-680	39

DIVISION 5

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Bersham	15	10	4	0+790	123
Ruabon B	15	13	2	0+621	112
Llanrhaeadr B	15	8	5	2+47	83
Chirk AAA C	15	8	7	0+34	81
Plas Kynaston B	15	7	8	1-173	73
Cynydd B	15	7	8	0+80	72
Royston B	15	7	8	0-1	68
Johnstown F	15	7	8	0-64	64
Whittington D	15	4	10	1-164	61
Overton C	15	10	0	-249	60
Weston Rhyn D	15	4	11	0-353	54
Ye Olde Crofte B	15	3	12	0-397	49

DIVISION 6

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llanrhaeadr D	15	11	4	0+24	60
Llanrhaeadr E	15	7	8	0+146	59
Critfins D	15	11	4	1-79	52
Weston Rhyn E	15	11	4	0-92	52
Church E	15	11	4	0+37	51
Llanymynech C	15	11	4	0-24	51
Llangynog B	15	10	5	0-67	45
Johnstown E	15	3	7	0-189	36

Whitchurch Bowling

League

DIVISION 2

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	180	114	334		
Con Club A	180	104	3291		
Audlem A	180	98	3183		
Distric B	180	91	3126		
AWC B	180	93	3126		
Childe Ercall	180	95	3125		
Wrenbury A	180	91	3105		
Hadnall A	180	89	3070		
Ash A	180	88	3062		
Malpas A	180	94	3048		
Pr Bockhurst A	180	78	2944		
Calverhall A	180	72	2894		
Iffton	180	81	2893		
Nant Pk Rd A	180	72	2862		

DIVISION 3

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Wern Albion A	180	124	3443		
Malpas Ffrms A	180	89	3227		
Victoria A	180	90	3119		
Hammer B	180	94	3110		
Wern B	180	97	3088		
Chester Rd Ltd A	180	86	3075		
Woore B	180	94	3055		
Audlem B	180	80	3051		
Whitall A	180	94	3045		
Ellesmere D	180	81	3030		
Press B	180	89	3009		
Moreton Saye	180	84	3008		
Malpas Spbs B	180	76	2935		
Cholmondeley A	180	72	2783		

DIVISION 4

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Barony Park	180	111	3311		
Ash B	180	106	3236		
Hadnall B	180	113	3233		
Hammer C	180	101	3168		
Distric D	180	89	3134		
Wollerton	180	96	3127		
Whitall C	180	89	3074		
Wrenbury D	180	80	3073		
Chester Rd Ltd B	180	85	3052		
Wern Albion B	180	95	2998		
Tilstock B	180	88	2984		
Nant Pk Rd B	180	76	2922		
Ellesmere C	180	78	2920		
Malpas C	180	60	2645		

DIVISION 7

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Calverhall B	168	107	3107		
Adley C	168	97	3051		
Press E	168	98	2953		
Malpas Ffrms C	168	95	2938		
Chester Rd Ltd C	168	93	2881		
Ellesmere E	168	80	2827		
Victoria B	168	80	2800		
Tilstock C	168	79	2781		
Ericall Magna	168	80	2749		
Chester Rd D	168	80	2735		
Press D	168	59	2574		
Calverhall C	168	50	2220		

Oswestry Veterans

Bowling League

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA	14	9	5	+383	77
Weston Rhyn A	14	10	4	+410	76
Whittington A	14	10	4	+424	74
Overton A	14	8	6	+57	66
Whittington B	14	8	6	-59	66
Llanymynech A	14	9	5	-64	61
Church Club A	14	5	9	-62	61
Royston	14	5	9	-213	54
Ceiriog Valley	14	4	10	-200	52
Weston Rhyn B	14	4	10	-376	45

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llangollen	13	11	2	+609	86
Flexyas	13	11	2	+609	86
Llanrhaeadr A	14	9	5	+239	72
Y O Crofte	14	7	7	+68	64
Cynydd A	13	8	5	+64	61
Cynydd B	14	5	9	-133	60
Church Club B	14	5	9	-313	46
Whittington B	14	4	10	-284	44
Overton B	13	3	10	-453	42
Llanrhaeadr B	13	3	10	-401	38

# Church C's promotion hopes suffer setback

CHURCH C's hopes of pushing into the promotion places in division three suffered a blow after slumping 8-2 (163-129) at Whittington E.

Lying third in the table, the Oswestry side are now nine points adrift of second placed Critfins C after ending up well beat at the hands of their local rivals.

The visitors could manage just two winners, Roy Jones the best to 17 while Adrian Jones edged home 21-17.

However, Whittington held the aces with Pete Humber winning 21-11 and the in-form Ann Blake 21-12 as they moved to eighth in the table.

Leaders CRIFTINS B extended their lead at the top to 14 points after easing past visiting WESTON RHYN C 8-2, taking the shots aggregate by 62.

The pacesetters had three single figure winners, the best being Adam Price who

won to three, while Keith Minor (21-5) and Robbie Hughes (21-9) also proved too hot to handle with the greens quickening up in the recent heatwave. Eric Gale won 21-16 for ninth placed Rhyn, while Brian Hulsh (21-4) with a narrow 21-20 was their other winner.

CRIFTINS C are hanging on to the co-tails of the leaders and their own B team with a hard-fought 5-5 draw at Llangollen B.

They were made to battle for a 5-3 advantage with three of the cards going to 20, but Llangollen took the aggregate by 23 (156-133) to ensure parity. Neil Edwards (21-14) was the best visitor for the visitors, while Dean Lewis prevailed to 19.

TITLE favourites Ellesmere A bounced back from only their second defeat of the season the previous week to get back on track in division four with a convincing 9-1 home win over Corwen B.

# Llanfyllin face relegation fight after loss to bottom club

LOWLY Llanymynech A lurched deeper into relegation trouble in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one after suffering a narrow 6-4 loss at rock bottom Overton A.

There was little in it, but Overton bagged the extra two points on offer courtesy of taking the points aggregate by eight shots (137-129), despite good single figure wins for the visitors from Henry Pugh (21-8) and second teamer Eaton Williams (21-9).

Llany had led 3-1 from the first four, but could manage just one win in the back. However, there were positives with 12-year-old Keiran Jones winning 21-17.

The narrow reverse against one of their basement rivals has left them second bottom,

two points adrift of

WESTON RHYN who

shaded their home clash 6-4

against Corwen A.

It could not have been any closer with the shots finishing all square at 138-138, with Derek Taylor (21-10) taking the coppers for the home team.

Andrew Riley (21-11) was not far behind, while Sue Taylor won to 16 and Tom Owen to 19, but it all came down to the last game involving Brian Akeley.

The skipper had been trailing 15-4, but managed to turn it around to lead 20-18 before sealing a 21-19 win that saw both sides share the aggregate.

Victory kept alive Rhyn's hope of division one survival after their return to the top flight this season, but they now face a crunch clash at Llanymynech next Tuesday.

CHURCH A remain in the lower regions of the table after crashing 9-1 (167-105) at leaders Johnstown A, with Brian Canlett their only winner when fighting back from the brink of defeat to win 21-20.

Dave Milner had been ahead but lost narrowly to 19 in a tough night when little went right for the visitors.

At the other end of the table, WHITTINGTON A's hopes of making ground on the leading pack suffered a setback with their 9-1 drubbing at another of the title hopefuls, Ceiriog Valley A.

In-form captain Aled Davies (21-15) provided some consolation with his side's lone win, while John Hughes went down to 16



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with the visitors well beaten by 67 shots (162-95).

CRIFTINS A saw their hopes of retaining the league crown fade further after being edged out 6-4 at title rivals Ruabon A, who nicked the shots aggregate by three (138-135).

Ron Crooke (21-9) was the best of the night for Critfins, whose other winners were captain Terry Thompson (21-12), the consistent Gary Wilkie (21-13) and Mark Price, who prevailed to 20.

## Shackles

Third placed LLANRHAEDR kept up the promotion pressure in division two - but they were made to fight all the way before winning 6-4 at basement strugglers WHITTINGTON B.

In the end, just one shot separated the sides (149-148) with Mark Evans' 21-14 card enough to swing the outcome.

Hywel Jones also won to 14, Neil Jones 21-17 and Mel Roberts 21-18, but there was a first defeat of the season for Steve Jones who lost 21-17.

Despite their brave display, Whittington are looking doomed to relegation, with their best wins of the night coming through Helen Humphreys (21-15) and Jacqui Whitley (21-16).

# Iffton still have work to do in fight to steer clear of the drop

IFFTON still have plenty of work to do if they are to make sure they stay clear of basement trouble in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League as the prepare to host Chester Road on Friday night.

The St Martins men picked up four winners from their 10-4 (223-157) loss at Hadley USC last week, leaving them in 10th spot - and nine points above the two relegation places.

They would have been reasonably happy with last week's efforts but will be banking on their solid home form again coming to the fore this week against the Roaders who are going well in fourth spot.

The leaders stayed 10 points clear at the top in emphatic style, with five single figure wins in their 77 shot mauling, with Darren Matthews taking the coppers to three while Courtney Metcalf and Curtis Metcalf both won 21-6.

ELLESMERE B remained in the hunt in second spot, romping to a 9-1 (160-123) success at Llangynog C with Alf Johnson winning 21-9 and Mike Edwards 21-10.

## Reverse

While it is an Ellesmere double act at the top of the table, third placed FOX LANE are still in sight of the promotion places thanks to an 8-2 (150-101) home beating of basement side WHITTINGTON C.

David Edwards and Simon Hayman led the charge with 21-6 wins, while Mike Haycocks ran out a 21-7 winner and Mike Flanagan 21-8. The visitors' replies came

from Terri Isherwood (21-10) and Ivor Davies (21-14).

LLANFYLLIN B slipped to fourth spot after their 7-3 (146-130) reverse at LLANFYLLIN A whose Hugh Jones won 21-6, while Tony Jones carded a 21-7 reply.

Lying second from bottom, CHURCH D remain deep in relegation danger after being edged out 6-4 at home to mid-table LLANRHAEDR C.

Trailing 6-2, with Jim Drury (21-14) and William Lewis (21-12) on the mark, Church managed to claw back a couple of points courtesy of winning the aggregate by just two shots (147-145).

For the visitors, John Davies came through 21-13 and Mel Jones 21-15.

Margaret White fired a 21-0 whitewash as WESTON RHYN B saw off Ceiriog Valley 8-2 (142-116), Patrick Bubb (21-8) also weighing in with a good single figure win.

## Pete triumphs in tough trophy test



Peter Barker, right, receives his shield from Mike Aubrey, after winning with 42pts

PETER Barker came out on top at the Mike Aubrey Trophy day at Henelle Golf Club. Pete scored 42 points to finish one ahead of Mel Morris.

Mel won on countback from Barrie Evans. The best front nine score was 24 points from Bryn Williams while the best back nine score was 21 points from Chris Clarke.

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## SPORT

## League tables

Birmingham & District  
Premier Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION				
P	W2	L	ABatBwI	Pts
Shrewsbury	13	4	2	1 5 11 231
Blackhampton	13	4	3	12 9 193
Kidderminster Vics	13	4	3	11 11 191
Knowle & Dridge	13	4	0	10 16 166
Walsall	13	5	2	17 17 160
Beaconsfield	13	3	6	16 20 157
Hinley	13	3	5	0 14 152
West Brom Dmth	13	4	2	17 16 151
Worcestershire	13	3	5	11 11 149
Barnet Green	13	2	5	17 24 121
Walmley	13	2	7	1 16 122 111
Wombourne	13	1	7	2 14 29 87

DIVISION 1				
P	W2	L	ABatBwI	Pts
Kenilworth Wrdns	13	6	1	0 8 11 233
Dorridge	13	6	2	0 10 17 223
Wellington	13	5	5	1 9 10 172
Bromsgrove	13	6	3	0 20 24 170
Sant Green	13	2	3	11 25 167
Barnards Green	13	6	0	15 21 164
Shinlall	13	5	0	13 8 157
Moseley	13	6	3	23 25 138
Walsley	13	3	2	12 17 137
Omberley	13	6	1	12 24 129
Leamington Spa	13	3	7	1 18 21 116
Brewsd	13	1	7	1 18 29 102

DIVISION 2				
P	W2	L	ABatBwI	Pts
Old Elizabethans	13	2	0	1 15 17 215
Oswestry	13	2	4	0 6 10 202
Harborne	13	5	1	2 13 11 200
Stourbridge	13	3	4	0 7 13 186
Witchurch	13	5	4	2 11 13 174
Waterorton	13	6	0	9 17 165
Eastnor	13	2	5	1 11 19 159
Halesowen	13	3	7	0 13 16 149
Attock	13	4	6	0 20 16 144
Stratford-upon-Avon	13	2	7	0 20 20 132
Coverley & N.W.	13	2	8	1 18 23 120
Fordhouse	13	1	10	1 24 14 65

DIVISION 3				
P	W2	L	ABatBwI	Pts
Penkridge	13	6	1	0 8 7 233
Tamworth	13	6	2	0 12 12 228
Bridgnorth	13	5	3	1 12 9 206
Penn	13	6	3	2 12 17 191
Kings Heath	13	5	0	15 16 167
Aston Manor	13	2	4	1 15 16 166
Quatt	13	3	6	0 19 25 162
Streely	13	3	5	19 22 157
Milford Hall	13	2	5	2 14 17 155
Cannock	13	2	8	0 6 24 120
Worcester Nmds	13	2	10	0 19 19 86
Evesham	13	0	13	0 7 31 38

2ND PREMIER DIVISION				
P	W2	L	ABatBwI	Pts
Knowle & Dridge	13	10	0	1 2 0 255
Harborne	13	5	4	0 17 17 175
Old Hill	13	5	0	13 18 170
Walmley	13	5	5	15 14 163
Leamington Spa	13	2	6	0 18 18 158
Hinley	13	3	5	2 23 20 149
Walsley	13	3	3	1 13 17 147
Moseley	13	2	5	1 30 25 144
Shrewsbury	13	5	6	1 8 19 137
Sant Green	13	2	7	0 12 15 129
Walsall	13	1	6	1 10 21 129
Dorridge	13	2	8	2 17 15 90

Saxonby Shrewsbury &  
District Evening Cricket  
League

DIVISION 1				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Bomere Heath	9	7	0	2 30 27 132
Grasshoppers	8	4	0	4 26 17 90
Mercenaries	8	3	0	5 24 24 78
Shelton	5	3	0	22 21 73
Wem	5	4	0	14 13 67
Bedouins	6	0	0	6 17 8 25

DIVISION 2				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Cound	9	0	0	38 30 158
Frankton	8	0	0	23 23 118
Coton Hall	8	4	0	35 19 94
Knockin & Kinn	7	0	0	43 16 77
Conderover	8	2	0	63 26 76
Alberbury	8	0	0	8 33 14 47

DIVISION 3				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Beacon	8	0	0	1 32 27 124
Welshpool	8	0	0	1 20 101
Prees	9	0	0	4 24 26 95
Pontesbury	8	4	0	4 22 24 91
Rough & Trimlars	8	0	0	26 20 73
Acton Reynald	9	2	0	7 27 12 59

DIVISION 4				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Allscott	9	8	1	0 30 31 146
Old Post Office	9	5	1	3 25 25 105
Grove	9	4	0	5 33 27 98
Whittington	8	3	0	5 30 21 81
S'bury Rugby	9	3	0	6 25 25 80
Frankwell Stars	8	2	0	6 24 26 70

DIVISION 5 A-MIDDER				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Welshpool II	7	6	0	1 21 27 108
Frankton II	7	5	0	2 20 19 88
Beacon II	7	4	0	3 21 22 83
Cae Glas	6	1	0	5 19 12 41
Bricklayers Cop	7	1	0	6 15 15 61

DIVISION 6 E-MERLE				
P	W	D	L	BatBwI Pts
Iscoyd & Ferns	6	5	0	1 23 19 92
Market Drayton	6	1	0	2 19 19 77
London Road Light	7	3	0	4 24 17 71
Bomere Heath II	7	3	0	4 19 21 70
Wem II	6	1	0	5 14 20 44

## Frankton hit top form Cae Glas happy after thriller

FRANKTON dispelled any fears of being dragged into the Shropshire League premier division's basement pack after clinching a 60-run win over Albrighton at Hardwick Park.

Asked to bat first, they totalled 234 all out before dismissing their visitors for 174.

Dave Powell led the way in the Frankton inning with 78 at the top of the order, fellow opener Ian Whitticase hit 36 and Danny Evans weighed in with 35 later on.

Mark Bissell's 59 held up the hosts for a time in reply, Iain Anderson also hitting 30, but Albrighton were finally worn down by the efforts of Jacob Northwood (3-42), Thomas Welti (2-41) and Jordan Parry (2-16).

Prospects continue to look favourable for FRANKTON II who remain well clear at the top of the reserve division two with a seven wicket win at bottom club Albrighton II.

Will James snapped up 5-23 as Albrighton were pegged back for 169 after a promising start that saw opener Mark Stevens (53) hit a half century, Archie Dickinson also taking 3-12 to help wrap up the innings.

Andrew Main then led the Frankton romp to victory with an undefeated 81 at the top of the order, with fellow opener Richard Jones hitting 50 at the other end.

It was not such a good day for FRANKTON III who succumbed to a 87-run loss to Wellington V to remain just below mid-table in division five.

The Telford side took a grip as they rattled up 261-7 in their 45 overs, opener Chris Newbold top scoring on 77, while Tom Edwards and Elwyn Jones both picked up two wickets. Skipper Jones then hit an unbeaten 77 in reply, but could not prevent his side being bowled out for 74, Athar Mahmood doing the damage with 5-37.

## Losing draw sees Oswestry knocked off league top spot

OSWESTRY'S cricketers were knocked off the top of the Birmingham League division two when they had to settle for a losing draw against fellow promotion candidates Harborne at Morda Road.

The last Oswestry pair Ryan Fynn (42no) and Paul Robinson (4no) batted out the final five overs to deny Harborne the victory which would have taken them above the home side in the table.

It had all started so well for Oswestry, with another great spell of fast bowling by Jonathan Miles reducing Harborne to 104-7 after they had won the toss and elected to bat.

Miles took six of those seven wickets for 64 runs, and Oswestry looked on course to bowl out the visitors out for a relatively low score. But with Nirrushan Raveenthiraraja hitting a fine 79, the Harborne tail wagged and they ended their 55 overs on 219-8.

Harborne's young opening bowler Mike Adair, who had spent the early part of the week playing for Warwickshire seconds, snapped up two early wickets in Oswestry's reply, but there was still hope for the home side while Warrick Fynn was at the crease.

Fynn's dismissal for 45 meant victory was an unlikely proposition for the home side and damage limitation was the order of the day from that point.

The home side picked up seven points from the game, and Harborne earned 15.

OSWESTRY II collected the club's first silverware of the season when they retained the Tim Healey Memorial Trophy at Wem on Sunday.

The Oswestry side won both their fixtures in the round robin Twenty/20 competition, seeing off rivals

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Whitchurch and host side Wem

Oswestry played Whitchurch in the opener, when Dominic Bright (69), Ben Parker-Marshall (33) and Tim Bierley (21) led them to an impressive score of 163-5.

A fine spell of bowling by Michael O'Reilly (4-17-3) put the brakes on Whitchurch's reply, and they finished on 118-5.

Wem comfortably beat Whitchurch before dismissing Oswestry for 128 in the deciding match. Bierley (37) and Josh Coleridge (27) were the chief contributors.

Wem appeared to be cruising to victory when they reached 86-1 in the 12th

over, but Ben Parker-Marshall, Jim Phillips and Adam Lloyd bowled well to restrict the hosts to 120 - giving Oswestry victory by eight runs.

However, it was a week-end of contrasting fortunes for Oswestry's second string, who lost by four wickets at Penkridge in the Birmingham League 2nd XI League division two (north) on Saturday.

Steve Humphreys hit 68, Dominic Bright 35 and Callum Morris 30 as they reached 206-8 in their 50 overs.

But despite good bowling by Alex Davidson (3-33) and Ben Parker-Marshall (3-57), Penkridge reached their target at 210-6 with more than seven overs to spare.

A defiant innings by Martin Chambers earned OSWESTRY III a losing draw in a high-scoring match against Shrewsbury II at Morda Road in the Shropshire League division three on Sunday.

## Reserve

Chambers hit 65 not out to lead his side to 194-8 in response to Shrewsbury's 277 all out.

Most successful bowlers for Oswestry were James Bradbury (4-25) and Craig Nunnerley (3-20).

OSWESTRY IV fell to a seven-wicket defeat at Bishop's Castle II in the reserve division three after being bowled out for 139. Geoff Renwick top-scored with 30, Jim Phillips made 26 and Owen Aspinall 22no.

Castle made light work of their run chase, racing to 140-3 in the 24th over.

●Oswestry will be looking to regain top spot in the Birmingham League division two when they take on Stratford-upon-Avon at Morda Road on Saturday, while the seconds visit Milford Hall.

Oswestry IV entertain Acton Reynald Seconds at Oswestry School, while the thirds play Church Aston at Morda Road on Sunday.

CAE GLAS stayed firmly on the promotion trail in the Shropshire League division three with a thrilling draw at lowly Harcourt - in which all three results were possible up to the final over.

Batting first, the Glas posted 208-7 in 45 overs, with Mark Jones top scoring on 71. Harcourt made a good fist of their reply, eventually finishing short on 199-9 with Steve Jones hitting 65 while Ruch Nimantha bagged five wickets.

Glas had made a solid, yet patient start to their innings, with Jones leading the way with some fine stroke play, being well supported by Andy Griffiths with 30, Nick Morris (21) and a typical big hitting innings from star man Nimantha who crashed 40 in a total of 208-7. Harcourt's reply began disas-

trously losing their first wicket with no runs on the board but they rallied with the middle order all putting bat to ball despite a few dropped catches.

At one point, they looked the more likely winners at 150-3, but Ian Horgate's spin bowling removed the dangerous Steve Jones for 65.

Opening bowlers Nimantha (5-43) and skipper Keith Yapp (2-55) were brought back, but Cae Glas could not force the win despite their efforts as Harcourt clung on at 199-9.

In-form CAE GLAS II also maintained their promotion pursuit in the reserve division three after seeing off high flying Market Drayton II by 63 runs at Gatacre.

Asked to bat first, they posted a more than useful 206-8 in 45 overs, before dismissing Drayton for 143 to

pick up 24 points. The home side were asked to bat and, after a couple of early setbacks, a partnership of 116 between Pete Bowyer (62) and Gavin Porritt (47) for the fourth wicket carried The Glas to 206-8 from their 45 overs.

In reply, Drayton looked to be cruising to victory at 51 without loss but, when the opening partnership was broken, wickets began to tumble and two outfield catches then proved crucial - the first by veteran Andy Kemp to dismiss James Connolly (53) and the second by Aidan Martyn to remove the dangerous Gavin Fox.

In the end, Drayton collapsed to 143 all out in the 38th over, man-of-the-match Porritt (4-66) being the chief destroyer and skipper Barry Vaughan (3-25) providing some telling variation to the home attack.

## Monty in danger as they crash to defeat

MONTGOMERY continue to flirt with relegation danger in the Shropshire League division one after succumbing to a seven wicket defeat at home to Powys rivals Newtown.

Opting to bat first, they were restricted to 169-9 in their 50 overs, Aaron Ruffcock the chief contributor with 50, while opener Richard Powell made 23 as the Newtown bowlers kept a tight rein, Jonathan Davies taking 4-57.

Newtown made an excellent start in reply as opener Steve Davies plundered 75, with nine fours, and Thomas Goodman chipped in with 25 in a 65-run first wicket stand.

No3 Tom Foulkes (41no) maintained the momentum in a 94-run partnership with Davies to seal the win with almost seven overs to spare. Defeat leaves Monty fourth from bottom, 12 points above Welspool in the basement places.

Struggling WELSHPOOL II crashed to a 10 wicket victory at high flying Ludlow II as the top versus bottom clash in the reserve division one went to form.

Rock bottom Pool were shot out for 68 in a sorry showing with the bat, and it would have been even worse had No11 Steve Monk not hit 21 at the end.

Richard Taylor put the skids under the visitors with 3-3 off seven overs, while Sebastian Kidson took 2-2.

Ludlow had no problems in reaching their modest target in just seven overs. WELSHPOOL III continue to lead the way in division six after their seven wicket win at Grove II whom they had bowled out for 114.

## Team march to top spot

UNBEATEN Welshpool Town Bowling Club have marched on at the top of the Montgomeryshire Bowling Association League.

The league pacesetters made it 10 wins from 10 matches played with a convincing 6-1 victory over Machynlleth to stand on the brink of the title.

Morris then cracked 83 off just 64 balls in reply, with a six and 15 fours.

Tristan Lloyd also hit 30, with the villagers finishing on 175-6 by the close.



Action from the Ellesmere v Beacon match which ended in a losing draw

ELLESMERE held on for a losing draw against promotion chasing Frankwell as they battle to stay clear of the basement pack in division two.

Three wickets apiece from Laurence Ashley (3-46) and Joe Austin (3-19), along with a stunning catch by Elliot Mochan, helped dismiss Beacon for 176, David Howarth scoring on 60 and Doug Reynolds (54) also making a lively half century.

It was tough going for Ellesmere in reply, with no batsman getting into the 20s, but the last wicket pair of John Mooney (10no) and Austin (4no) held firm at the end to at least earn a draw, using up 92 deliveries Duncan taking 4-32.

## Jones in five wicket blast as Guilsfield win

A FIVE wicket blast from Matthew Jones helped Guilsfield consolidate their mid-table status in division four as they eased to victory against Wem III.

Jones finished with 5-33 as Wem were limited to 134-6 from 35 overs despite Martin Peate's 40 not out.

Opener Anthony James then cracked 68 for the Guils to set up an

eight wicket win with more than nine overs remaining, David Harris also chipping in with 27 not out.

WHITTINGTON had to settle for a losing draw at lowly Madeley III.

But they are still very much in the hunt for promotion in division five despite a recent wobble.

Strong early order batting saw Madeley make 209 all out, Steven Faux

hitting a quick fire 68, with four sixes and nine fours, while there were three wickets apiece for Jason Whitley and Brian Whitley, with Rob Morris picking up a brace.

Morris then cracked 83 off just 64 balls in reply, with a six and 15 fours.

Tristan Lloyd also hit 30, with the villagers finishing on 175-6 by the close.

## Knockin settle for a draw but stay well clear

HIGH-RIDING Knockin & Kinnerley made the running in their division two clash with Bishop's Castle - but in the end had to settle for a draw that sees them 43 points clear at the top.

After losing the prolific Steven Gray for a duck, it was left to Dan McCloy (41), Dave Jones (53) and Hugh Morris (48no) to take the score to 208-6 in 45 overs, Simon Palmer emerging with 3-40 from 15 overs.

Castle made a solid start in response, opener Andrew Lewis making 24, skipper Richard Plant 64 and Richard Fified 23, but were hanging on at the end at 169-8.

Daniel Evans bagged 3-18, while there were two wickets apiece for Jonny Evans (2-29 off 12) and Hugh Morris (2-31 off 15).

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## Former head of the NASL Woosnam dies at 80



Phil Woosnam

PHIL Woosnam, the Montgomeryshire footballer who became commissioner of the North American Soccer League (NASL), has died at the age of 80.

He passed away near Atlanta, Georgia, from complications related to prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

Woosnam was born in mid-Wales and had a successful football career in Britain before heading across the Atlantic to the America in 1966.

He has been described as the father of US professional soccer.

The cousin of Welsh golfer Ian Woosnam, a one time Oswestry resident, he played football with Montgomeryshire Schoolboys and gained youth international honours with Wales.

His playing career included spells at Wrexham, Caersws and Aberystwyth Town and he made his senior international debut for Wales against Scotland in 1959 whilst still an amateur. Before moving to the US, Woosnam played for English clubs including Leyton Orient, West Ham and Aston Villa and won 17 international caps for Wales.

After managing and playing for the Atlanta Chiefs, he coached the national team before being made commissioner of the NASL, a role he held from 1969-1983.

"Phil Woosnam was a true pioneer of soccer in the United States in every sense of the word and his contribution to the sport in this country is immeasurable," said NASL Commissioner Bill Peterson. "He took soccer into uncharted waters and, through his passion, carried the game on his shoulders for many years. Our thoughts are with his family."

## Morda look solid with good draw

MORDA United continued their pre-season with a solid performance in their 1-1 draw with Welshpool Town at Weston Road.

Ian Heathcock opened the scoring in the opening 15 minutes of the game, and should have doubled their lead with a Dean Graham header in the second half.

Morda then gave a few trialists a run out, and it was Welshpool who started to carve chances before levelling when trialist Rhysian Morris, from Montgomery, headed home following a break down the left.

Pool, who also included Guilsfield duo Will Thomas and Rob Cookson, could have won it in the final minute when an effort brushed the post.

Without a game last weekend, Pool continued their pre-season preparations with a trip to Caersws this week.

## Flares light up sky in night to remember



Showing some flare - Legia Warsaw fans celebrate their side's victory over TNS at The Racecourse ground



Sam Finley, left, is tackled by Michal Kucharczyk

## Second half collapse leaves TNS with mountain to climb



The New Saints 1 Legia Warsaw 3



A SECOND half turnaround left The New Saints facing an early Champions League exit as Polish giants Legia Warsaw took a firm grip of the second qualifying round tie.

For the first 45 minutes of the first leg clash, the only fire that Legia showed at Wrexham's Racecourse was when their army of fans lit a mass of red flares in the stand pre-kick off.

That apart, the Saints doused any threat from the much vaunted Poles who hardly produced a worthwhile effort on goal despite their possession.

Looking largely untroubled, the Welsh Premier champions took an early lead through Ryan Fraughan, while coming close to adding a second before half time when Alex Darlington's strike thudded against the inside of the post.

That left Legia boss Jan Urban far from impressed, and at half time called his side to match the fire shown by his team's ardent supporters, unleashing substitute midfielders Dominic Furman and Michal Kucharczyk onto the pitch.

Within just a couple of minutes the duo transformed the game, as Kucharczyk slotted home an equaliser before further goals from Marek Saganowski and Jakub Kosecki put the Poles in pole position for this week's return in Warsaw.

"We were not aggressive enough in the first half, I was unhappy so I decided to change two players which made us more offensive," said Urban.

TNS director of football Craig Harrison admitted the changes made a significant difference to the tie, adding: "I was surprised Furman did not start, he is a quality player and was someone we had planned to face."

After looking comfortable at half time, we were bitterly disappointed in the second half, but the only consolation was that we came up against a very good team tonight - which was shown by the fact that all three goalscorers were Polish internationals."

Despite their possession in the first period, Legia struggled to find a way through a well marshalled defence that comfortably snuffed out most of their raids, the main scare coming when defender Phil Baker deflected a header onto his own bar early on.

From their first real attack in the 11th minute, the Saints were ahead when Fraughan played a short corner from the right with Jamie Mullan, before whipping in a cross low and hard that flew into the net after deceiving the defence at the near post.

Chris Seargeant said

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another free kick curl past the post with Mike Wilde and Baker unable to make contact as the Polish defence lived dangerously, while at the other end keeper Paul Harrison hardly had a save to make in the first half.

In fact, he was only called into action when some sloppy passing at the back by Baker and Kai Edwards let in Marek Saganowski, but he was unable to take advantage.

## Fightback

Happy to sit deep, the Oswestry side were always dangerous on the break and went agonisingly close to doubling their lead just before half time.

First, last season's top scorer Wilde saw his low shot from 14 yards saved one handed by keeper Dusan Kuciak after shrugging off the defence.

Then moments later Darlington weaved his way into the box but, with a clear sight on goal, he drilled his angled shot against the inside of left hand post, and the ball bounced back to the grateful arms of a sprawling Kuciak.

It all changed after he break, and the half was barely two minutes old when Legia launched their fightback as they broke down the left despite Wilde appearing to be fouled in the build-up.

Kosecki crossed low and inviting from the left and

Kucharczyk converted from eight yards.

With the men from Warsaw now up for the battle, they took the lead with a soft goal on 57 minutes when Kucharczyk's long throw from the left found the head of Saganowski who guided the ball inside the far post.

Wilde put a volley across goal from Seargeant's free kick, but the visitors extended their lead on the night when the ball was again switched to Kosecki who cut in from the left before rifling his shot past Harrison from the edge of the box.

Kucharczyk could have put the tie out of sight, but forced Harrison into a fine save when turning over his fierce volley.

It was a brave display from the Saints, but - like the Legia flares - their hopes seem to have gone up in smoke as they prepared for a torrid return this week.

TNS: Harrison, Marriott, K Edwards, Baker, Spender, Seargeant, A Darlington (M Williams 80), A Edwards, Mullan, Wilde, Fraughan (Finley 64). Subs not used: Skuba, Gol, Brzyski, Cichocki

Legia Warsaw: Kuciak, Bereszynski, Rzezniczak, Dosa Zyro, Wawrzyniak, Kosecki (Zyro 80), Vrdoljak, Pinto (Furman 46), Radovic (Kucharczyk 46), Dvalishvili, Saganowski. Subs not used: Skuba, Gol, Brzyski, Cichocki

Attendance: 2,992

Referee: T Arason (Iceland)

## Harrison disappointed to let in three goals

CRAIG Harrison could take heart despite the Champions League first leg defeat, with his side showing plenty of quality and fighting spirit against fancied Legia Warsaw.

"The gulf between the sides was not as big as everyone thought it was going to be," said TNS's director of football after the tie in Wrexham.

"Having done so well, particularly in the first half, I'm bitterly disappointed to lose 3-1 as we looked comfortable in the first half.

"We led 1-0 and Alex Darlington also hit the

post, other days they go in or we score from the rebound, while our keeper Paul Harrison did not have a save to make in the first half.

"We knew they would come out at us in the second half, they brought on a couple of subs which made a big difference.

## Difficult

"They scored after just two minutes which to me was the key. It was a poor decision by the referee as Mike Wilde was fouled in the build up, and that goal was the turning point.

"It took the wind out of our sails, we lost a bit

of belief for a time, and it was just the boost that Legia needed. "But I don't want to put it down just to that decision, Legia played better and deserved to win overall."

Harrison added: "It was always going to be a difficult game, every single game you play in the Champions League is a real test. It's the elite competition in Europe.

"Sixteen of their 20 man squad are internationals, but our players did well and for the first 45 minutes and showed we can compete at this level."

## Rising stars at Harriers honoured for efforts

THE rising talent at Maldwyn Harriers Athletics Club was recognised as the pre-station of this year's young athlete awards.

Presentation of this year's awards for outstanding achievement by the young Harriers took place at the Maldwyn Track, with club chairman Paul Beeson the master of ceremonies.

Chloe Evans took the female cross country award following a great season in which she represented North Wales twice and is one of the top runners in region. She is dedicated and hard working and is a strong and dependable club member.

The male cross country honour went to Joseph Crutchley, who is the most successful male cross country athlete in the history of Maldwyn Harriers and Newtown Athletic Club. He became one of only four North Wales athletes to have achieved a podium finish in the UK Inter Counties Cross Country Championships.

Walter Meredith took the male track and field award, a loyal athlete who has attended all the club's young athletes matches as well as the North Wales Championships. With sister Isla, he forms "Team Meredith" which has been the backbone of this year's under-17/20 squad. He has an outstanding 800m personal best of 2mins 7.9 secs.

Rose Unwin was female track and field winner, an outstanding athlete who has concentrated on long jump this season in which she is now ranked third in Wales. She is also ranked third in the high jump and sixth in the 80m hurdles.

Huw Weaver took the loyalty award, having been extremely loyal to the club during the cross-country and track and field seasons. He trains hard and runs hard and never complains.

The outstanding club athlete award went to Vicky Gittins, of Forden, whose hard work has been rewarded after finishing second in the 300m hurdles in both the Schools and Welsh Athletics Championships which earned her selection to compete for Wales in Dublin last weekend.

Currently she is ranked second in the 300m hurdles and fourth in the 200m in Wales and 10th in the UK for 300m hurdles.

## Bishop hits four goals

A FOUR goal blast from Chris Bishop steered Weston Rhyn to a 4-2 friendly win against Montgomeryshire League division one side Llanfyllin Town.

The forward netted once in the first half on eight minutes before adding three more after the break on 47, 65 and 86 minutes.

Rhyn, much changed from the side that drew 1-1 with Penycae in their opening friendly, took the lead when Gwyn Davies fed Tom Jones who sent a super pass to Bishop who fired his angled drive past Tom Roberts.

Llanfyllin levelled in the 20th minute through Zakh Ward. The Mercian League hosts, however, restored their advantage just after half time through Bishop.

It was 3-1 in the 65th minute when Bishop fired a low shot into the net to complete his hat-trick.

Craig Scott reduced the arrears before Bishop notched his fourth goal of the game. Rhyn's next friendly is on Saturday against Brickfield Rangers (3pm).



TNS celebrate after Ryan Fraughan had fired them in front against Legia Warsaw



Jamie Mullan, right, looks to get away from Jakub Rzezniczak



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## Burton is adding to his squad of players

**GUILDSFIELD'S** new boss Matt Burton is busy shaping his squad ahead of the fast approaching Cymru Alliance campaign.

With Will Thomas, Rob Cookson and Chris Roberts all likely to follow boss Russell Cadwallader to Spar Mid Wales League side Welshpool Town, and a doubt surrounding the future of Ian Probert, Burton is running the rule over several possible new recruits.

Former Ellesmere mid-fielder Kevin Renshaw has been training with the Guils, along with Four Crosses forward Jack Harris, while keeper Dave Maguire has also been linked with a move to the club.

Guilsfield launched the pre-season with a 4-2 friendly win over Shawbury, but had to call off last Saturday's trip to Market Drayton as the management team were away. They had their second friendly at home to Haughmond last night (wed).

Ian Probert, meanwhile, could be leaving the Guils after training this summer with his former club, Caersws.

Meanwhile, Guilsfield reserves suffered a 4-2 mid-week defeat to Berriew, whose scorers were David Anthony, Karl Seliarts, Marc Jones and Ryan Jarman. The Guils responded through Phil Turnbull and Will Morgan.

Cymru Alliance rivals LLANRHAEDR got their pre-season up and running with a 2-2 draw at home to Spar Mid Wales side Berriew.

Berriew twice led through trialist Rhydian Morris and Luke Evans, but the home side earned parity courtesy of Josh Wood and trialist Iwan Matthews, courtesy of a goalkeeping slip.

Highly-rated midfielder Karl Seliarts has left league champions Llanidloes Town - and looks set to join Berriew.

The former Caersws and Newtown man went on to make 78 appearances for the Daffs and scored 57 goals. WELSHPOOL opened their pre-season with a 1-1 draw at MORDA UNITED, with Montgomery's Rhydian Morris getting their equaliser, while the visitors also featured Guilsfield duo Will Thomas and Rob Cookson.

Ian Heathcock had put the Weston Road side ahead.

Morda, who have had four friendlies in eight days, had no midweek action this week as their scheduled friendly with Four Crosses was called off.

## New Saints facing a mission impossible



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer - manager of Molde FK

THE New Saints were facing a mission impossible in last night's daunting Champions League second leg tie at Polish giants Legia Warsaw.

The Welsh Premier side flew out from Liverpool for their second qualifying round second leg in Poland with a mammoth task of overturning a 3-1 deficit from the first leg at Wrexham.

There, they were to face a hostile crowd at the Pepsi Arena where Legia have lost just once in the last year, while the Poles warmed up with a 5-1 beating of one of their main rivals Widzew Lodz last Saturday.

"We know how hard it's going to be, it's going to be a hostile environment and Legia are flying at the moment," said head coach Carl Darlington.

"But we've worked hard to get ourselves in the Champions League, and these are the games you're looking to thrive in."

"The pressure's off to a certain extent as we're not expected to get through from this position, so we can enjoy the game."

### Aggregate

The winners will meet Molde FK in the third qualifying round - the Norwegians managed by Ole Gunnar Solskjaer who himself has enjoyed many a famous night on the European stage with Manchester United.

Molde defeated Irish club Sligo 2-0 on Tuesday night, to seal a 3-0 aggregate win.

While ruling the roost in the Welsh Premier, Darlington admitted last week's 3-1 defeat to Legia Warsaw was a tough lesson

for the TNS players. "In our league, we're not used to defending for such long periods against teams, and that led us to lose our concentration at times which was shown by the fact we conceded three really poor goals," he said.

"But we can learn from last week's performance, take positives from it and look to improve in certain areas."

"Although they had a lot of possession, we were quite comfortable in the first half, and on other days we could have been two or three goals up at half time."

"They had hardly threatened, but then brought on two subs at half time, including Dominic Furman a Polish under-21 international who is being watched by Premier League clubs."

"He changed the dynamics of the game."

## Pool face difficult battle to beat drop

FALTERING Welshpool face an increasing fight to avoid relegation from the Shropshire Cricket League division one after slipping deeper into the basement zone.

Life does not promise to get any easier this Saturday if they are to revive their campaign when they make a tough trip to runaway leaders Much Wenlock, who are no fewer than 67 points clear at the top.

After enjoying an encouraging start to the season, the young Pool side have found the going tough of late and their relegation concerns grew last week after being beaten by eight wickets by Forton at Maesdyre that left them 11 points adrift in the basement zone.

Put in to bat, Pool were soon in trouble as three of the first four batsmen fell without troubling the scorers, skipper Joe Birch the first to go.

They eventually clawed their way to a disappointing 63 all out in the 26th over, Ryan Preston top scoring with 14 and Joe Monk finishing 13 not out as the last four wickets fell for three runs, including three more ducks. Matthew Sayers bagged 4-22.

Despite losing both openers cheaply in reply, Forton eased to their target without further alarm in the 16th over to avenge a 10 wicket defeat earlier in the season, Antony Barrett hitting a run a ball 29 not out.

Welshpool, meanwhile, took a break from their league campaign to enjoy a successful presidents day at Maesdyre on Sunday.

## Ex-football officer dies

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He passed away near Atlanta, Georgia, from complications related to prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

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# SKIPPER LOOKING FOR FORM RETURN

**AFTER** being knocked off top spot, Oswestry's cricketers look to get back on track when they entertain lowly Stratford-upon-Avon in the Birmingham League division two on Saturday.

The Morda Road men table, 13 points behind bethans, after having to against fellow promotion candidates Harborne last week.

Having missed a chance to open up a gap at the top of the table, Oswestry now find themselves back in the pack, just two points ahead of Harborne in third.

With nine games remaining, it's certainly all to play for in what is shaping up to be a very open promotion race in the second division.

Shropshire rivals Whitechurch are also starting to look menacing in fifth spot, and they could pose a tricky hurdle for high flying Old Elizabethans this weekend.

As far as Oswestry are concerned, club captain Mike Robinson knows the promotion chasers need to make a swift riposte this week, but is wary of a slip-up against a side lying third from bottom. Last week Stratford held fourth placed Stourbridge to a creditable draw.

"We had won seven of our previous eight games before last Saturday, so we're looking to bounce back with a win this weekend," he said.

"Stratford may be down the table, but you can't take anything for granted as

stipped to second in the table, 13 points behind bethans, after having to against fellow promotion candidates Harborne last week.

**by John Bridgwater**

there are no easy games in this league. We lost to Fordhouses who are now nailed to the bottom, and that's the only game they've won this season, so it shows you need to perform against whoever you play.

"Last week was disappointing, but at least we denied them the win."

In the end, it was up to Oswestry's last wicket of pair Ryan Fynn (42no) and Paul Robinson (4no) to bat out the final five overs to deny Harborne the victory which would have taken them above their rivals in the table.

"Harborne are a very good side, but we thought we had them when they were 104-7," added Robinson.

"But their Sri Lankan batted very well and in the end they more than doubled the score."

"Even then we did not feel that target was beyond us, but we lost a couple of early wickets and never really recovered. In the end we were hanging on for a draw."

## Athertons triumph on home soil

IT proved another "double-take" as brother and sister Gee and Rachel Atherton both rode to victories at the British National Downhill Biking Championships in home surrounds in Llanygrog.

It was the fifth consecutive double win of the season for the in-form Llanrhaeadr duo, and their second consecutive double success at the British championships.

And victory on one of their favourite hunting grounds provided the first titles of the season for their GT Factory Racing team - although it wasn't all plain sailing with Steve Peat pushing Gee hard all the way.

Rachel was first up for the qualifying runs on a dusty and fast court, putting in a storming qualifying run, to land 12 seconds clear of Manon Carpenter with a time of 3.39.627.

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Then in the finals, she went faster still by clocking a remarkable 3.38.81, 7.4 seconds clear of Manon and 24 seconds ahead of south Shropshire's Jess Stone who took the third.

"That was such fun," said Rachel. "And it means so much to both of us wear the British Champs jersey for another year."

"I really treasure it - especially having won it here in Llanygrog."

With team-mates Taylor Vernon and Marc Beaumont nursing injuries, Gee was next up. He qualified second to Peat with a time of 3.25.176, with his rival just 1.17 seconds ahead.

Come finals it was agonisingly close and it looked as if Peat would prevail as he took time out of Gee at the split, but a mistake in the lower



Rachel Atherton in action at Llanygrog where she and brother Gee both became British champions.

section cost him the race and he dropped back into 13th position.

Gee said: "I was stoked to take another win alongside Rach, especially on such a fantastic track and in our home village and I'm so proud to ride around the world in the British Champs jersey."

"But I'm gutted for Peaty. It's not the way I wanted to win it - I really thought he had me there."

The national championship victory will put the duo in good heart for this weekend when the GT Racing team tackle the third round of the World Cup at Vallnord, Andorra.

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